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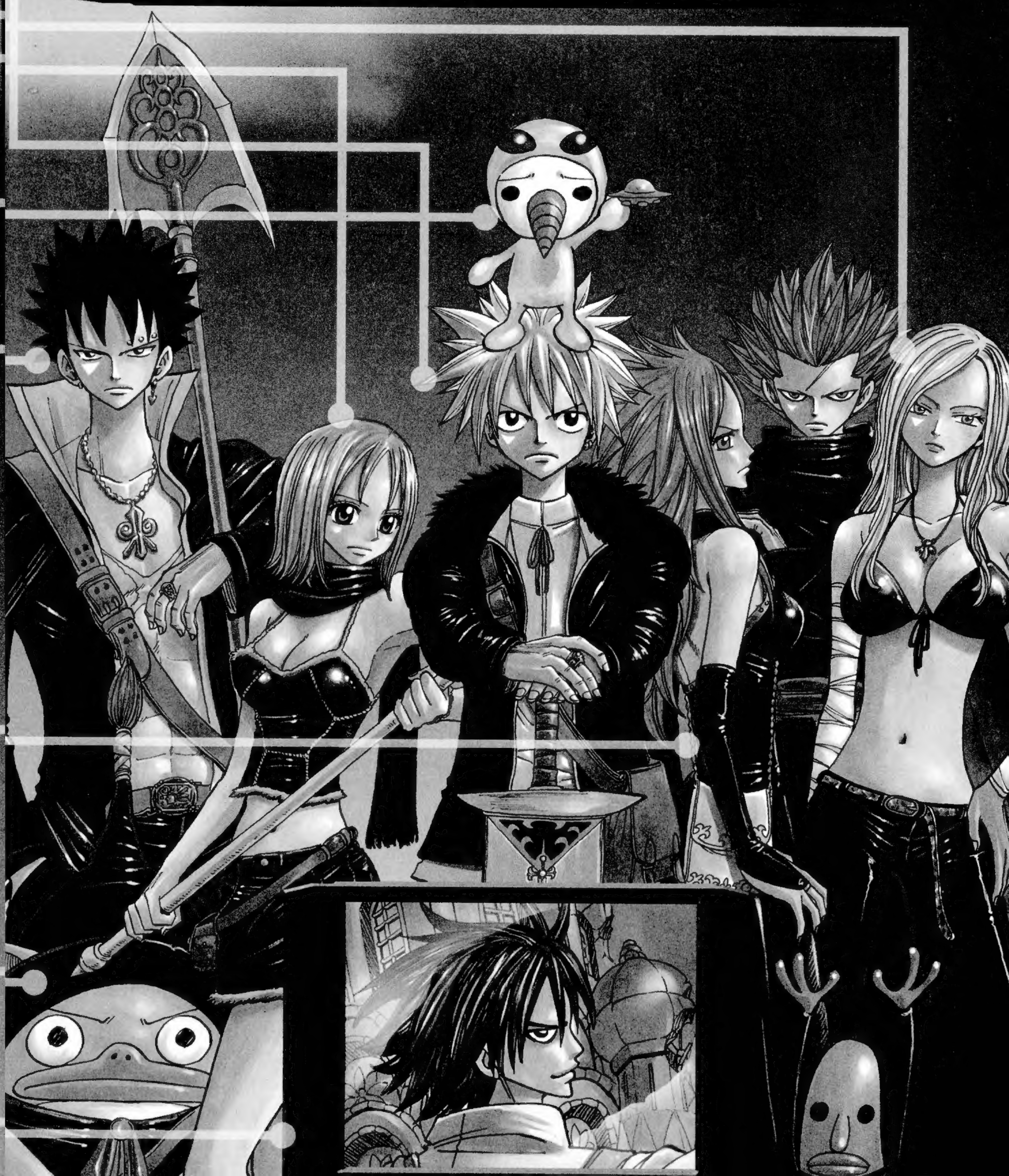
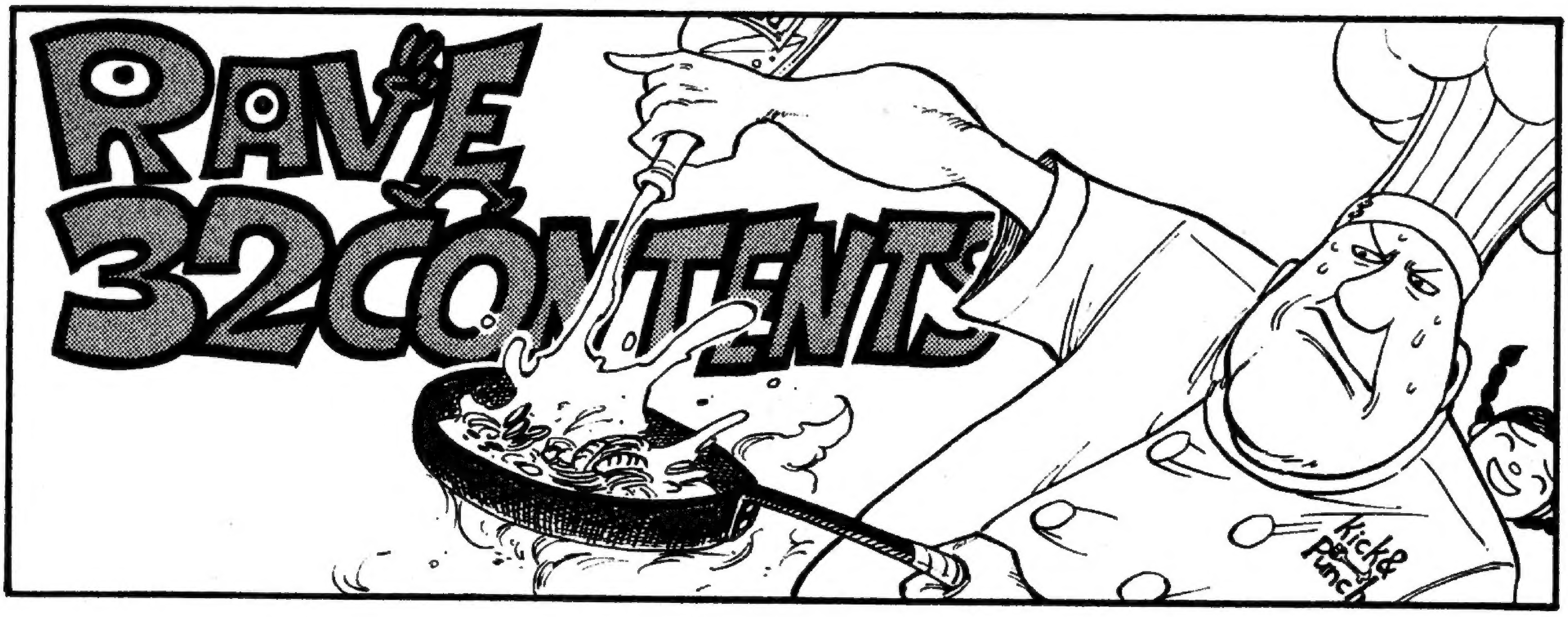
THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY	A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword,** a weapon that takes on different forms at his command.
ELIE	The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion.**
PLUE	The **Rave Bearer,** Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.
MUSICA	A **Silverclaimer** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?
LET & JULIA	Members of the Dragon Race. Let was formerly a member of Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master. Julia was trapped in dragon form for years, but Let was able to free her and she joined the team.
BELNIKA	As a young girl, she was experimented on in an attempt to artificially access Etherion. Hardner fooled her into fighting for evil until Haru exposed the truth and she joined his side.
GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)	Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.
RUBY	A penguin-type sentinoid, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!
SHIBA	The first Rave Master, before Haru. 50 years ago he was an unparalleled fighter known as the Sword Saint, but now he's a white-haired old man.

RECENTLY...

After Haru and the gang finally defeated Hardner's quest to summon the monster **Endless,** the **King of Oblivion,** they realized that they weren't out of the woods yet! Hardner was going to repent his evil ways, but **Lucia Raregroove** suddenly appeared and stabbed Hardner in order to steal his **Mother Dark Bring.** Now Lucia lacks only one of the Mother Dark Brings—but Haru is on the trail of the final **Rave Stone**...





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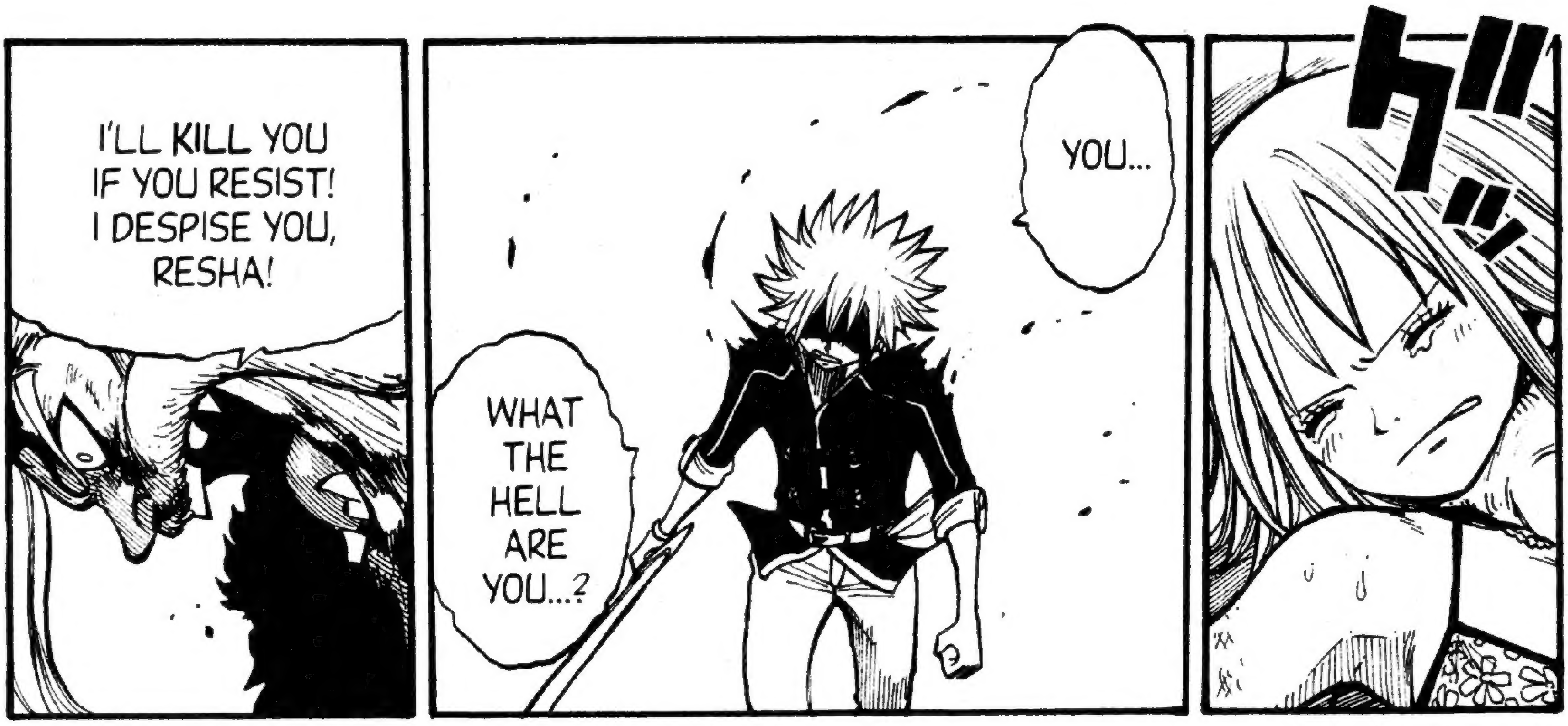
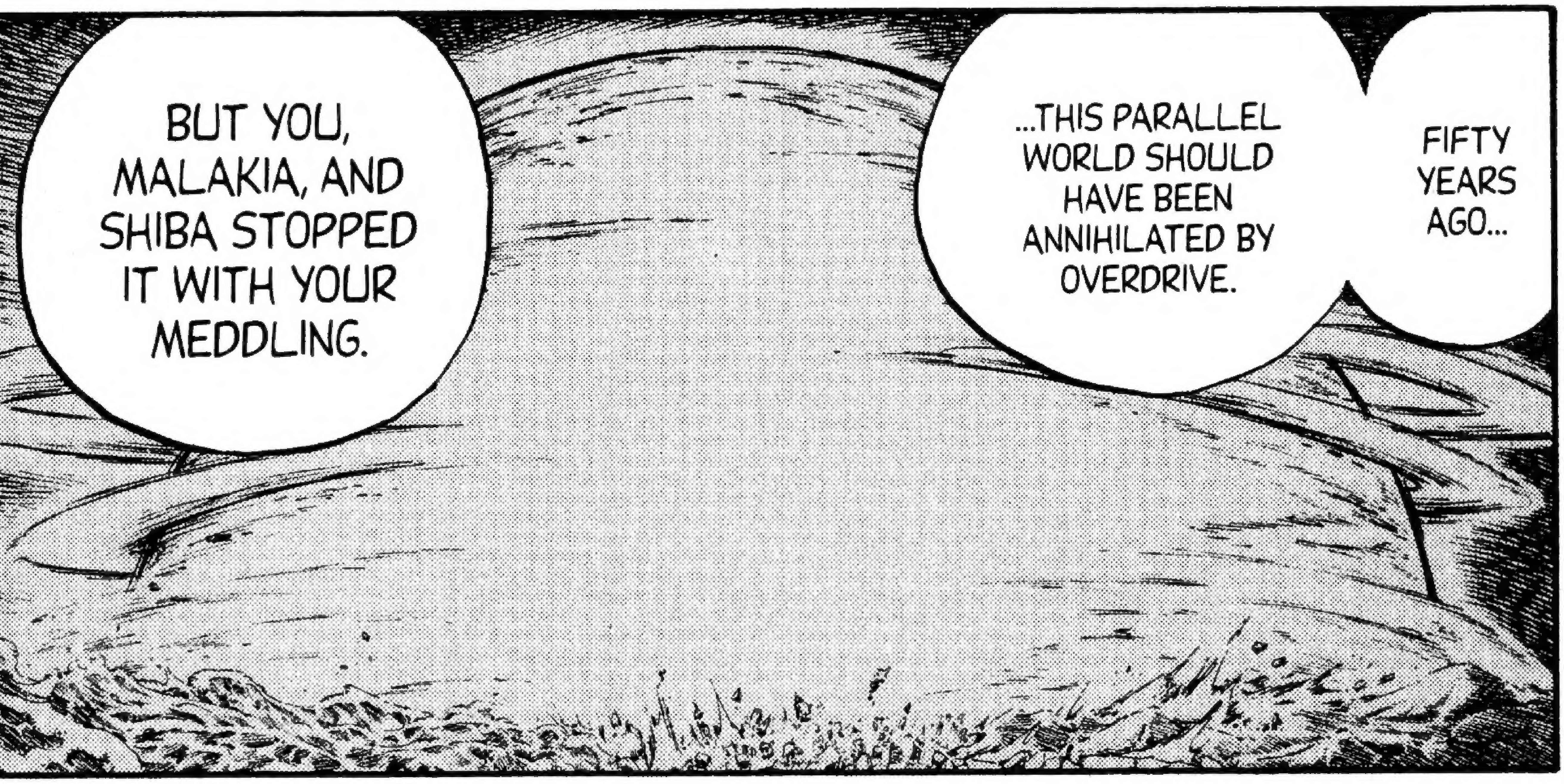
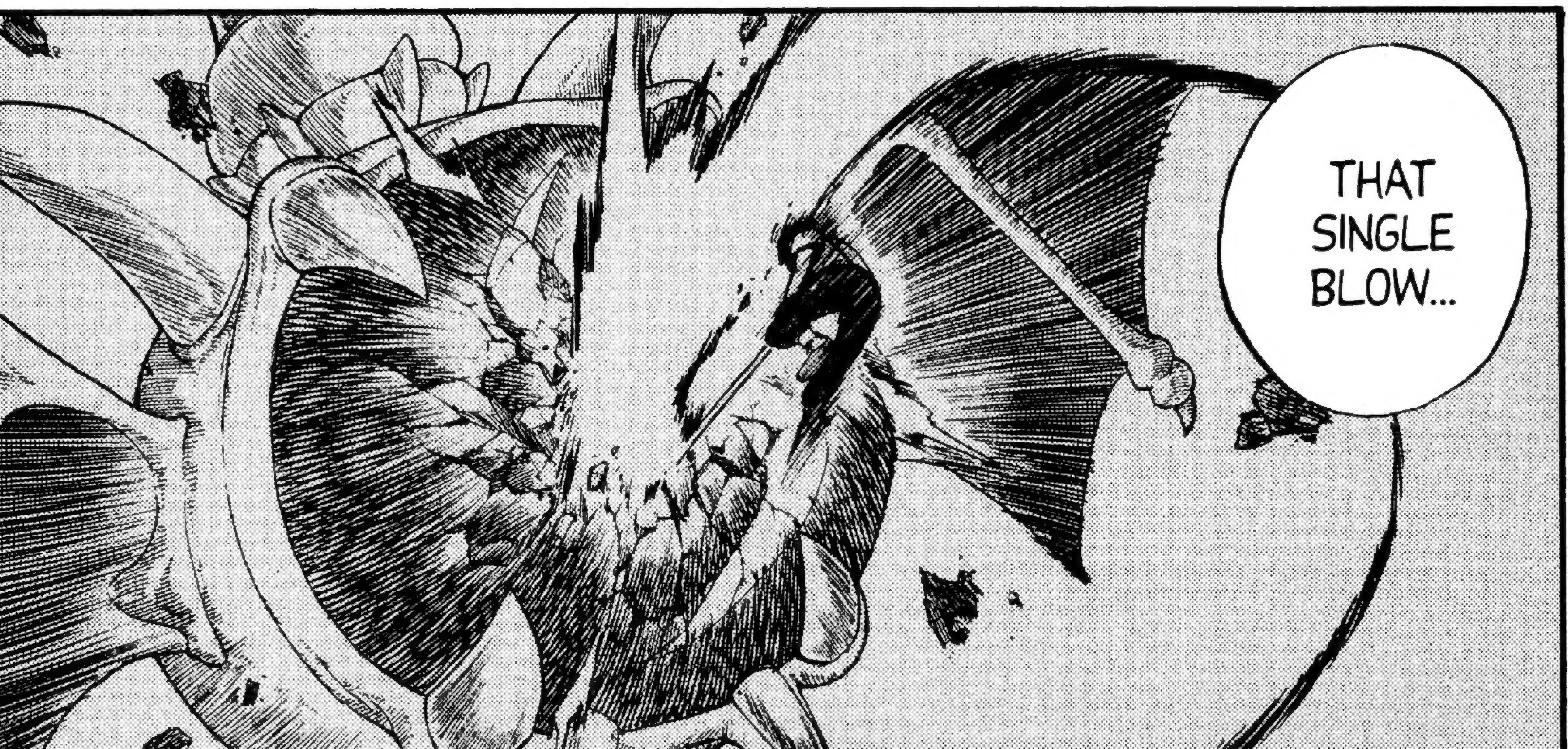
RAVE:263 ✚ THE POWER TO UNITE ALL

DON'T HOLD BACK, YOU SNIVELING LITTLE WITCH. RELEASE THE POWER OF ETHERION.
OR WOULD YOU RATHER I CRUSHED YOUR NECK, RESHA VALENTINE?!
OF COURSE, YOUR POWERS WILL ALSO TURN THIS WORLD TO DUST.
I CAN IMAGINE NOTHING MORE DELICIOUS!
USE ETHERION! DESTROY THIS MISERABLE PLACE!
FWA HA HA HA HA!


YOU...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU...?
I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU RESIST! I DESPISE YOU, RESHA!


FIFTY YEARS AGO...
...THIS PARALLEL WORLD SHOULD HAVE BEEN ANNIHILATED BY OVERDRIVE.
BUT YOU, MALAKIA, AND SHIBA STOPPED IT WITH YOUR MEDDLING.


THAT SINGLE BLOW...

IF NOT FOR THAT, THIS WORLD WOULD HAVE BEEN RIGHTLY DESTROYED!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT MISERABLE CREATION OF YOURS, THE ACCURSED **RAVE**!
Hggck!
IT REDUCED OVERDRIVE'S MIGHT TO SOMETHING SO PATHETIC!
YOU...
BEHOLD!
ON THIS DISGUSTING SPIT OF LAND...
...MERE BUILDINGS VANISHED, AND ONLY TWO MILLION PEOPLE DIED!
A MEASLY **TWO MILLION**!
THE OVERDRIVE WAS REPULSIVELY, PATHETICALLY **WEAK**!

OVERDRIVE WASN'T INITIATED TO WIPE OUT A MERE **TWO MILLION** FALSE PEOPLE!
D-DON'T TALK LIKE THAT! DON'T CALL THEM FAKE--THOSE WERE REAL LIVES YOU ENDED!
HA! "REAL LIVES"? YOU WOULD VALUE SOMETHING SO EASY TO EXTINGUISH?!
FWA HA HA HA HA!
WHAT THE HELL...
...ARE YOU...?
YOU DON'T YET KNOW?

I AM SHAKUMA RAREGROOVE--LUCIA'S GRANDFATHER.
HE WHO WAS ONCE KING AMONG KINGS!
I DIDN'T ASK *WHO*, YOU CRAZY OLD BAT!
I ASKED *WHAT!* 'CAUSE THAT AIN'T HUMAN BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH YOUR VEINS!

MY VEINS RUN WITH THE PURE BLOOD OF A CONQUEROR!
SHUT UP, YOU FREAK!
SHAKUMA... RARE-GROOVE?
KING OF RAREGROOVE?
WAS IT YOU?!

DID YOU START THIS WAR?!

YOU OVER-ESTIMATE ME, DESCENDANT OF SYMPHONIA!
OVERDRIVE AND THIS WORLD'S DEMISE ARE SIMPLY FATED TO BE!
AND THIS WAR IS NOTHING BUT A GAME PRIOR TO OBLIVION!
BADUM
BADUM
I HAVE NO PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS FALSE WORLD.
IT NEEDS ONLY TO DISAPPEAR FROM EXISTENCE.

NOTHING...
...BUT A GAME?!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH BLOOD AND TEARS HAVE BEEN LOST TO ALL THIS?!
I SAW IT MYSELF!
I FELT IT MYSELF!
I KNOW HOW MANY PRECIOUS THINGS YOU DESTROYED!
!? NO.
I DID NOTHING. IT IS ALL THE WILL OF ENDLESS.
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE ANYTHING ELSE!
DO YOU HEAR ME?!
YOUR STRUGGLING IS FUTILE! THIS WORLD IS ALREADY FATED TO DISAPPEAR.

BUT WHY, YOU DIRTY BASTARD?!
SCREW YOU ALL-- I'M GONNA STOP IT!
YOUR IDEALS SURPASS YOU, BOY. YOU CAN'T EVEN HURT AN OLD MAN!
AND YOU WISH TO CHALLENGE A GOD?!
ズシャ
GOD OR NOT, BRING IT ON, PSYCHO.
'CAUSE I'M NOT FIGHTING ALONE.

YOU CALL...
...ALL OF THAT A GAME?
....
HOW DARE YOU?!
BWING
ぞくっ
WHAT?!

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!
WH- WHAT TREMENDOUS MAGIC!
YES! YES!
THIS IS WHAT I POSSESSED!
FWA HA HA HA! EXCELLENT, RESHA!
THIS IS WHAT I WANTED! NOW **DESTROY** THIS CURSED WORLD!
AAAAAH!

YAAAAAH!
HA HA HA HA!
HA?
WH- WHAT IS THIS?!
SHE CONDENSED ETHERION?!

NOT POSSIBLE!
HOW CAN YOU HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL WITH SUCH ANGER?!
THIS POWER.
ETHERION.
SHIBA...
KAIM...
SIEG...
EVERYONE'S FUTURES HAVE BEEN LINKED THROUGH IT.

BECAUSE ETHERION IS THE POWER OF BELIEF!
GO!
SNAP!
にぃ

YOU'VE SURPRISED ME, RESHA. YOU PREVENTED THE RELEASE OF SUCH A GREAT MAGICAL ENERGY THROUGH COMPRESSION.
HOWEVER ...!
!
HUH?!
DON'T TOUCH ME, YOU--
!
I DIDN'T COME FOR PETTY PARLOR TRICKS!
SHOW ME TRUE ETHERION-- THE POWER TO DESTROY THE WORLD!

UGH!
BUT I'LL PUT YOUR STUNT TO GOOD USE--BY ALLOWING IT TO KILL HIM!
NO!
NNGH!
FWA HA HA HA!
HARU!
!!!

AAAAAAH!
AAAAH!
AAAH!
ELIE...
ゆら
REMEMBER WHAT SIEG SAID.

SWORD AND SPELL HAVE TO BECOME ONE.

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RAVE:264 ✚ VOW OF THE SOUL

SWORD AND SPELL HAVE TO BECOME ONE.
!
ARE YOU WATCHING, SIEG?

WE'RE DOING JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY, ELIE.
NO! A SWORD COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE INFUSED WITH THAT MUCH MAGIC POWER!

'CAUSE NO ONE BELIEVES IN YOU...
GAAAH!
...MORE THAN I DO!

GWAAAAAAAAAH!
THANK YOU...

WOBBLE
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ドサッ
ELIE!
Puun!!
SORRY. I'M JUST... A LITTLE TIRED.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. WE JUST HAD A PRETTY CRAZY RUN.
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NOD
NOD

GHU HU HU... SPLENDID.
WHAT POWER!
HU HU HU!
!
THE FINAL BATTLE BETWEEN SYMPHONIA AND RAREGROOVE HAS BECOME INTERESTING.
HA HA HA!
ARE YOU THE GUY WHO'S BEEN PULLING LUCIA'S STRINGS?!
FWA HA HA! OF COURSE NOT!
LUCIA DOESN'T EVEN KNOW MY IDENTITY!
HUH?
LUCIA HAS NO NEED OF FAMILY.
HE SHALL BECOME A GOD WHO WILL DESTROY THIS PARALLEL WORLD LIKE THE TRUE ONE.
LUCIA HAS MORE RIGHT THAN ANYONE TO MAKE SUCH A HISTORY...
OF THE TRUE WORLD...A WORLD WITHOUT MANKIND.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE?! WHAT'S THE POINT IN THAT?!
THIS WORLD HAS NO POINT.
サラサラ
FALSE EARTH, FALSE SKY, FALSE SUN...
IN THE TRUE WORLD, SUCH THINGS ARE REAL.
QUIT CALLING US FAKE! AS FAR AS WE'RE CONCERNED, THIS WORLD IS REAL!
IT'S REALITY TO THE MILLIONS OF US THAT LIVE HERE!
HOW SELF-CENTERED.
WHAT?!
REGARDLESS, THE ANSWER WILL SOON COME.
Fwa ha
ALL OF THIS WILL BE SETTLED BEFORE LONG.
ha ha ha!

ha
THE FATES OF SYMPHONIA AND RAREGROOVE HAVE BEEN LINKED FOR YEARS.
HA
ha
I KILLED MALAKIA...
...AND OUR SONS KILLED EACH OTHER.
THEY DIED TOGETHER.
YOU AND LUCIA ARE NEXT.
YOU ARE FATED TO BATTLE... IT'S AN UNAVOIDABLE FEUD OF BLOOD.
FWU HU HU HU!
FWA HA HA HA!

Ha ha ha ha ...
FATE, HUH?
AND HE KEPT TALKING ABOUT BLOOD.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR.
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THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE...

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ザッ!!
...ELIE.
R-RIGHT.
REST WELL...
...SIEG.
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ザバッ
I THINK THIS IS THE BEST PLACE WE COULD BURY HIM...
DON'T YOU THINK?

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I DON'T ...BELIEVE IT.
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WHO COULD POSSIBLY BELIEVE ANY OF IT?
RESHA VALENTINE

THE TRUTH BEHIND YOU...
...AND BEHIND SIEG HART.
THE KING OF SYMPHONIA'S DEMISE.
SHAKUMA'S TRUE IDENTITY.
MY PEOPLE ARE ESPECIALLY UPSET...
...ABOUT THE FATE OF SIEG.

PAT
GUYS...
DOES ANYBODY MIND IF WE PUT OFF OUR GRIEVING UNTIL LATER?
PEOPLE KEEP DYING.
THEY JUST...
...KEEP DYING.
AND IT NEVER STOPS.

ザッ
I INHERITED RAVE FROM SHIBA.
I GOT THE BLOOD OF SYMPHONIA FROM DAD AND GRANDPA...
...AND I GOT THE POWER OF FAITH FROM SIEG.
EVERYONE'S SOULS ARE HERE.
ザッ
RESHA VAL

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO KEEP GOING.
AND NOT FOR FATE OR WHATEVER-- BUT BECAUSE WE CHOOSE TO. BECAUSE WE CAN.
LET'S JUST PROMISE...
...ONE LAST THING TO SIEG...

NO ONE ELSE DIES FROM HERE ON OUT!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU ALL HAVE TO *LIVE!*

I THINK ...
...WE CAN ALL GET BEHIND THAT...
... HARU.
...THEN IT'S A PROMISE.

RAVE
POUR
POUR
Dragon
Dragon

THIS IS THE EMPIRE, MARRY LOOSE BRANCH.
THE DEMON CARD CLEANUP OPERATION IS A SUCCESS!
KEEP OUT
CAPTURE OF KING COMPLETED.
I REPEAT.
This is...
WHY...
HEY! THIS KID'S STILL BREATHING!
His face is cut up pretty bad, though.
WHAT?! KILL HIM! THAT BRAT IS KING'S SON!
B-BUT HE'S JUST...

RAVE:265 ✠ DEMONIC FEAST

YOU REALLY WANT TO SHUT A KID UP IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
YES! HE'S THE SPAWN OF A DEMON!
WHY...?
HIS BLOODLINE IS COMPLETELY CURSED!
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL WE LET HIM LIVE AT ALL!
WHY WAS I BORN...?

Demon Card HQ
MASTER LUCIA HAS RETURNED!
LUCIA!
LUCIA!
AMAZING!
ALL THE DARK BRINGS HAVE BECOME ONE!
HOW CLOSE ARE WE TO GETTING ELIE?
WELL...
ACCORDING TO BOI BOI'S INFORMATION...
...MASTER SHAKUMA HAS BEEN DEFEATED.

HMPH. USELESS OLD MAN...I SEE HIS BARK WAS WORSE THAN HIS BITE.
IN THE END, HE TOO WAS JUST A FAKE...
BADUM
...LIKE HARDNER AND THE ORACION SIX...
BADUM
......
...AND ALL OF YOU MAGGOTS IN DEMON CARD.
NONE OF THIS IS REAL.
UM...WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THAT?
BEATS ME.
MAYBE WE'VE GOTTA BECOME "REAL MEN" OR SOMETHING.
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LISTEN TO ME--ALL OF YOU. THE HISTORY OF THIS FAKE, PARALLEL WORLD IS COMING TO AN END SOON.
THE FALSE WILL VANISH AND THE TRUTH WILL BEGIN.
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BADUM
BADUM
IT HAS TO VANISH.
MASTER LUCIA... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YES...EVERYTHING FALSE WILL END.
BADUM
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HUH?!

AWAKEN.
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CHILDREN OF ENDLESS.
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WAAAAH!
YAAAAGH!
WH--

あああああああ
AAAAAAAAAH!!
YAAAAH!
GYAAAAH!
M-MY BODY'S...
AAAAAH!
MASTER MEGIDO?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I AM MEGIDO, FLAME OF HELL... HE WHO DESTROYS THE FALSE AND YEARNS FOR TRUTH.
FOR THIS PURPOSE, I DISCARD MY CROWN AND SERVE LUCIA.
THIS...
NO ONE CAN STOP IT NOW.
...IS...
HGCK!

THIS IS THE FINAL BANQUET...
...OF THE PARALLEL WORLD. AND YOU'RE JUST THE APPETIZER.
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Elbot City Auction House
NOW FOR TODAY'S FINAL COMMODITY...
THE GREATEST SHOWPIECE OF THE LAST TEN YEARS!
BEHOLD ITS MAGNIFICENCE!
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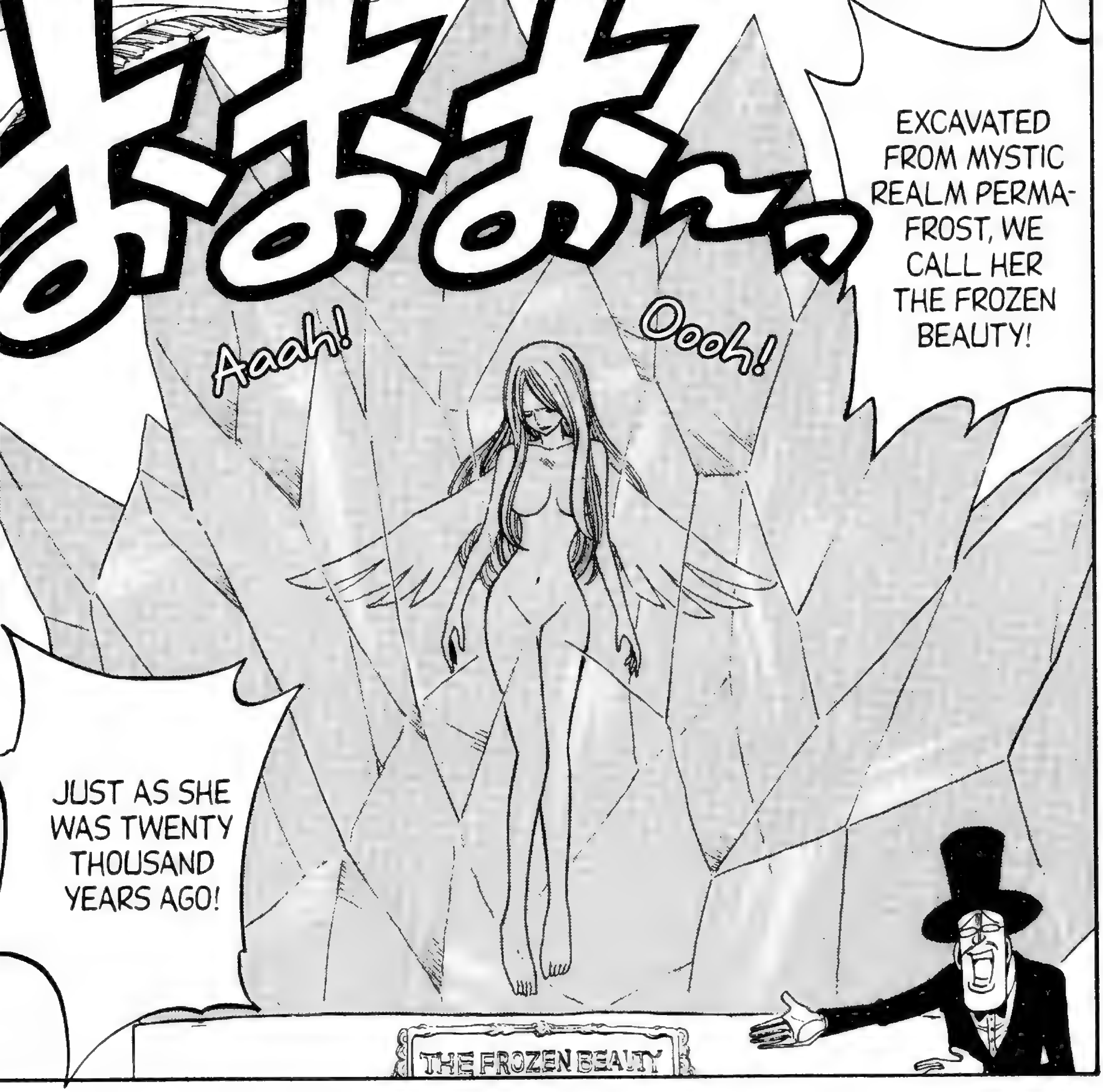
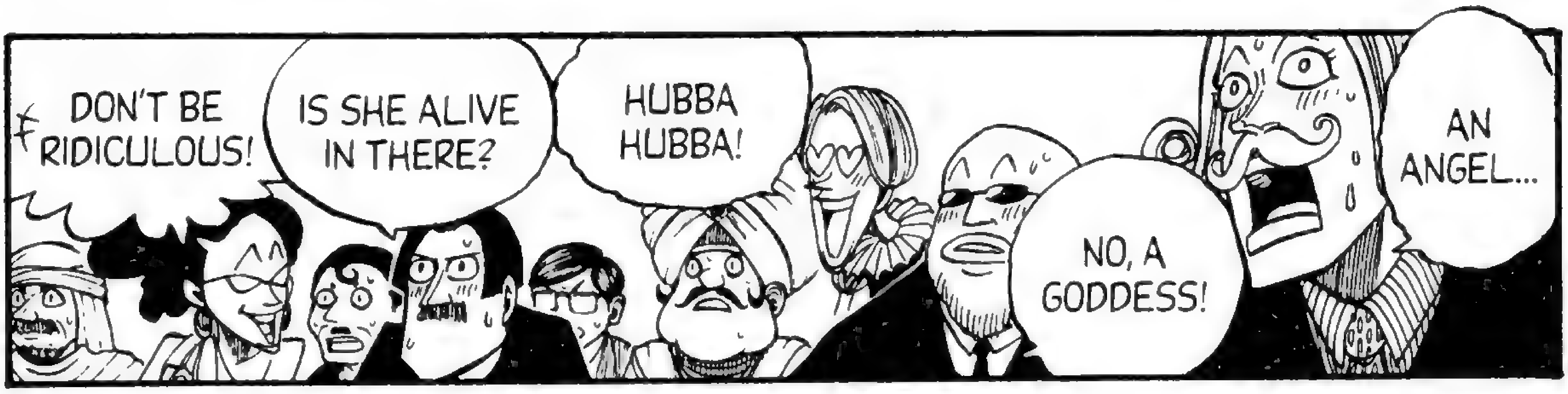
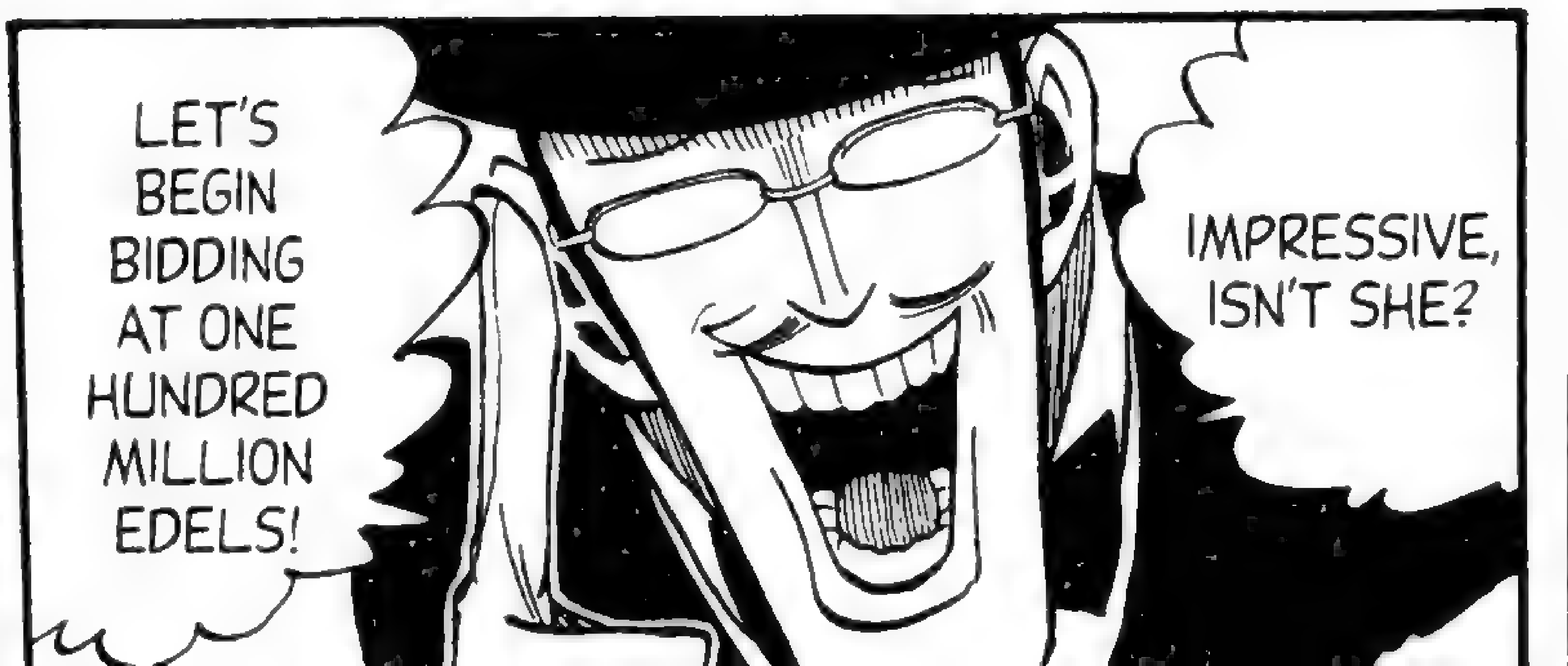
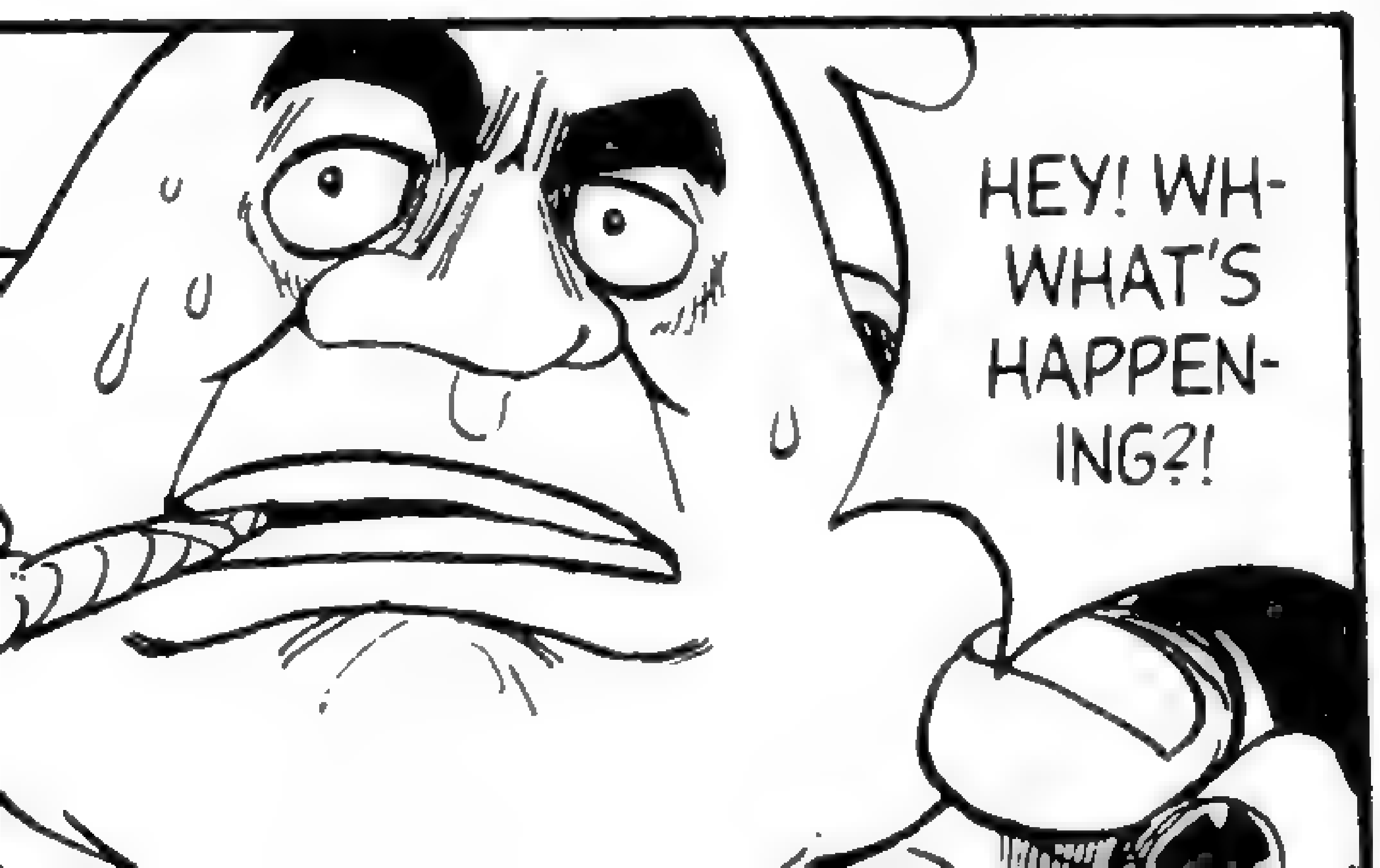

EXCAVATED FROM MYSTIC REALM PERMAFROST, WE CALL HER THE FROZEN BEAUTY!
Oooh!
Aaah!
JUST AS SHE WAS TWENTY THOUSAND YEARS AGO!
THE FROZEN BEAUTY


AN ANGEL...
NO, A GODDESS!
HUBBA HUBBA!
IS SHE ALIVE IN THERE?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!


IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T SHE?
LET'S BEGIN BIDDING AT ONE HUNDRED MILLION EDELS!


HEY! WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

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A DREAM.
A DREAM, REWRITING THE HISTORY OF A DESTROYED MANKIND.
DID YOU HEAR THAT?! SHE SAID SOMETHING!
A PARALLEL WORLD...
...A SAD WORLD.
ピキィ
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
A BILLION! I'LL PAY A BILLION!
IF YOU HAD NOT WATCHED THE DREAM... IT WOULD NOT HAVE VANISHED.
HUH?!
WHAT'S MAKING IT SO COLD?!
C-COLD!

IF YOU HAD NOT WATCHED THE DREAM...
WH--?!
...YOU WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FROZEN.
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LUCIA...
...I DO NOT WATCH DREAMS.

FOR ONE WILL ALWAYS AWAKEN FROM A DREAM.
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Four Great Demon Lords: Jiero of Despair

Major Northeastern Power Arumdaun
AN UNKNOWN ENEMY ARMY HAS APPEARED!
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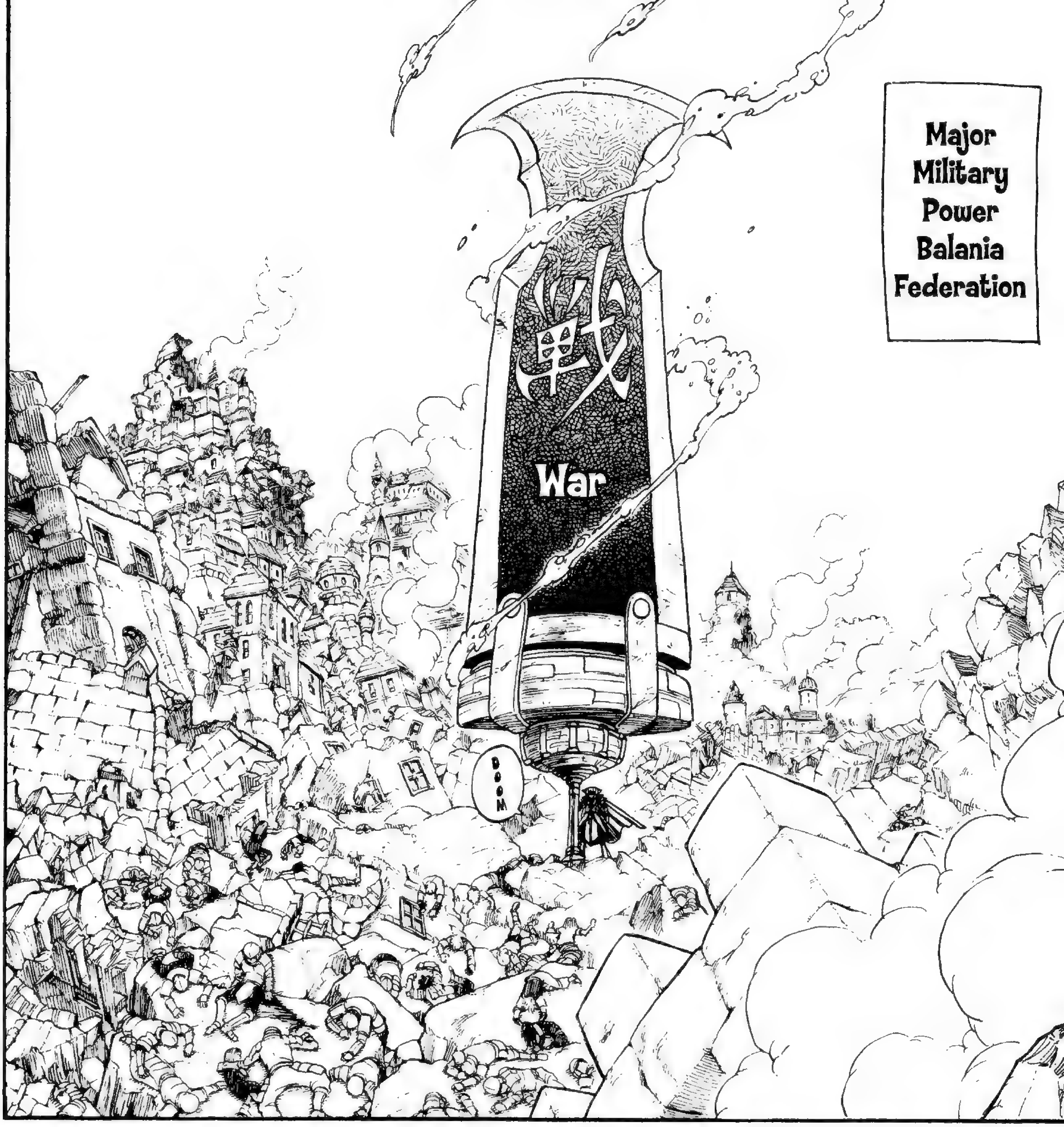
PROTECT THE ROYAL CAPITOL!
RRGH!
SWORDS WON'T HELP US HERE!
THEY'RE NOT EVEN HUMAN!
YEEGH!
RUN!
SAVE US!
HUM.
YAAAAAH!
HUM.
Four Great Demon Lords... Ashura the Jet Black


Major Military Power Balania Federation
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War
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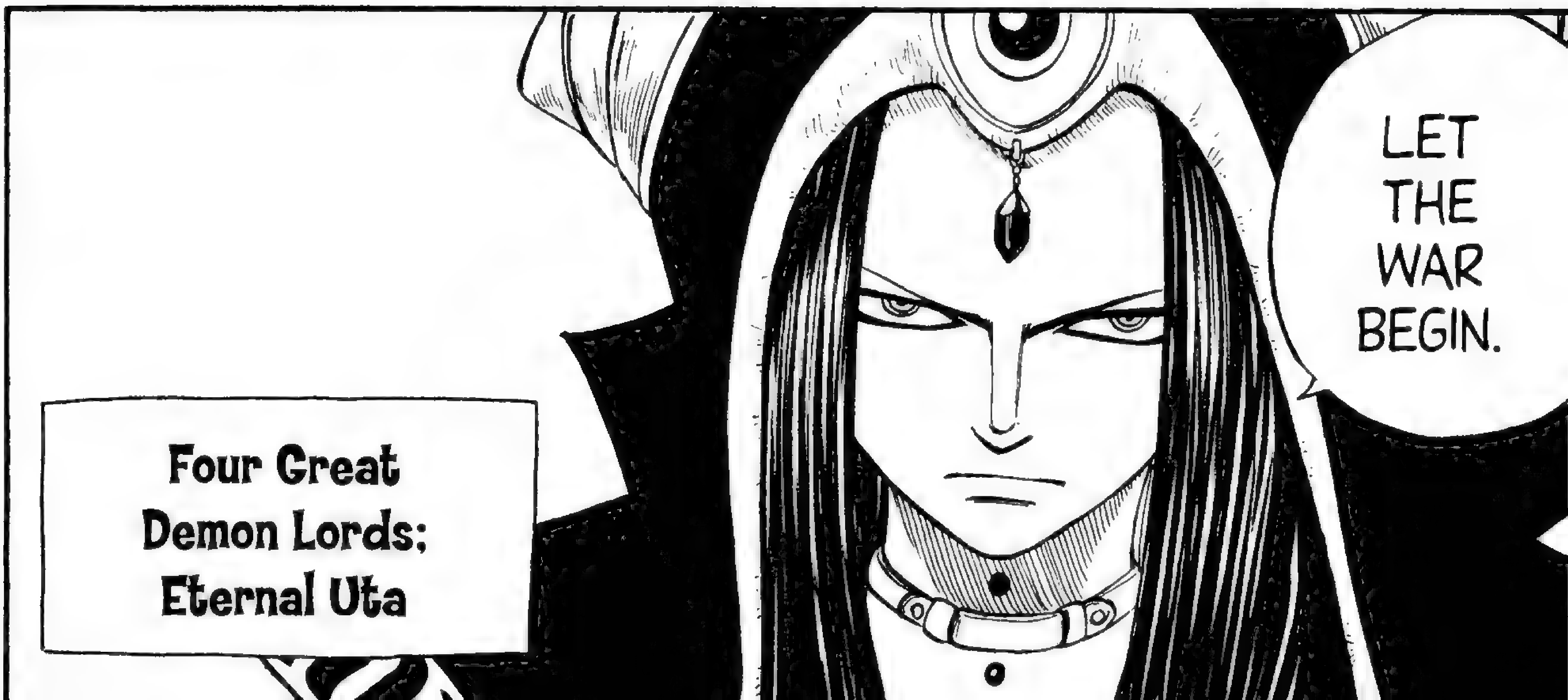
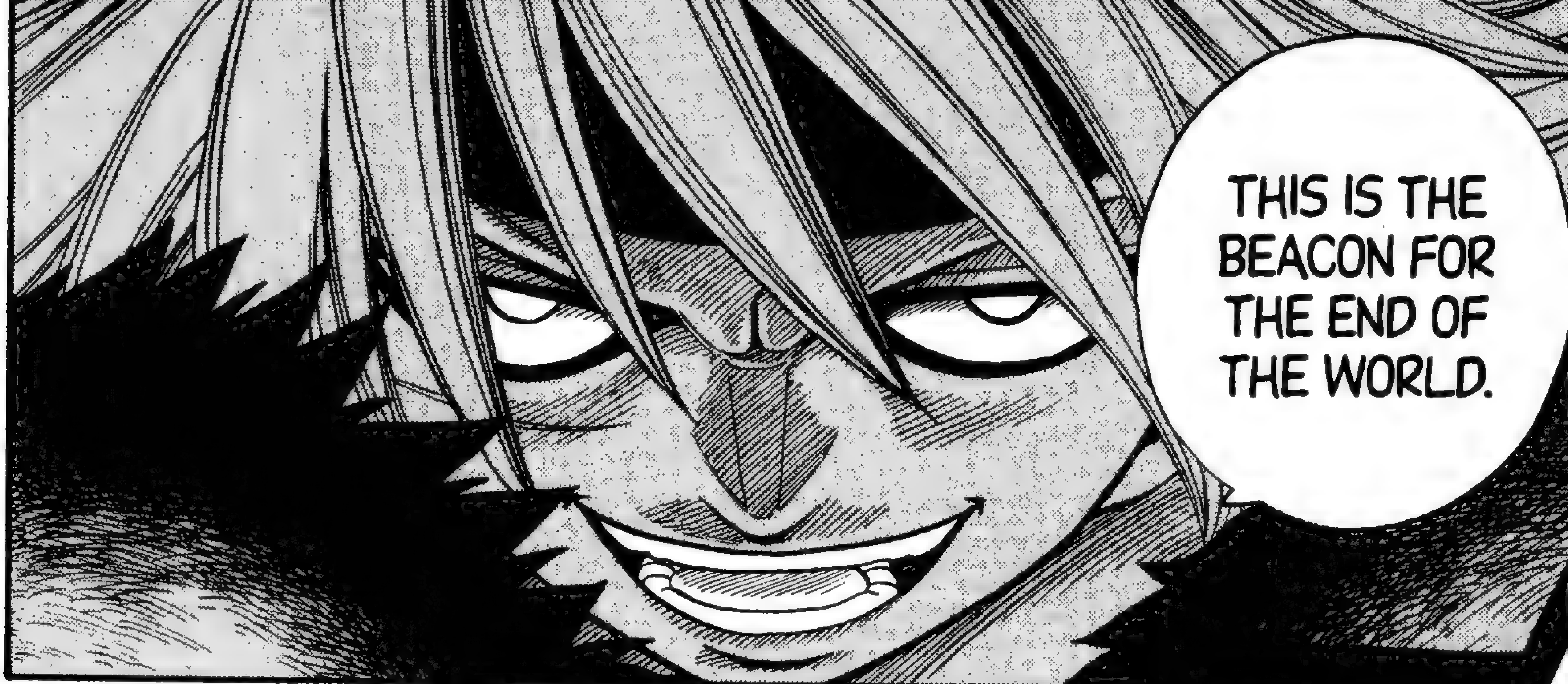
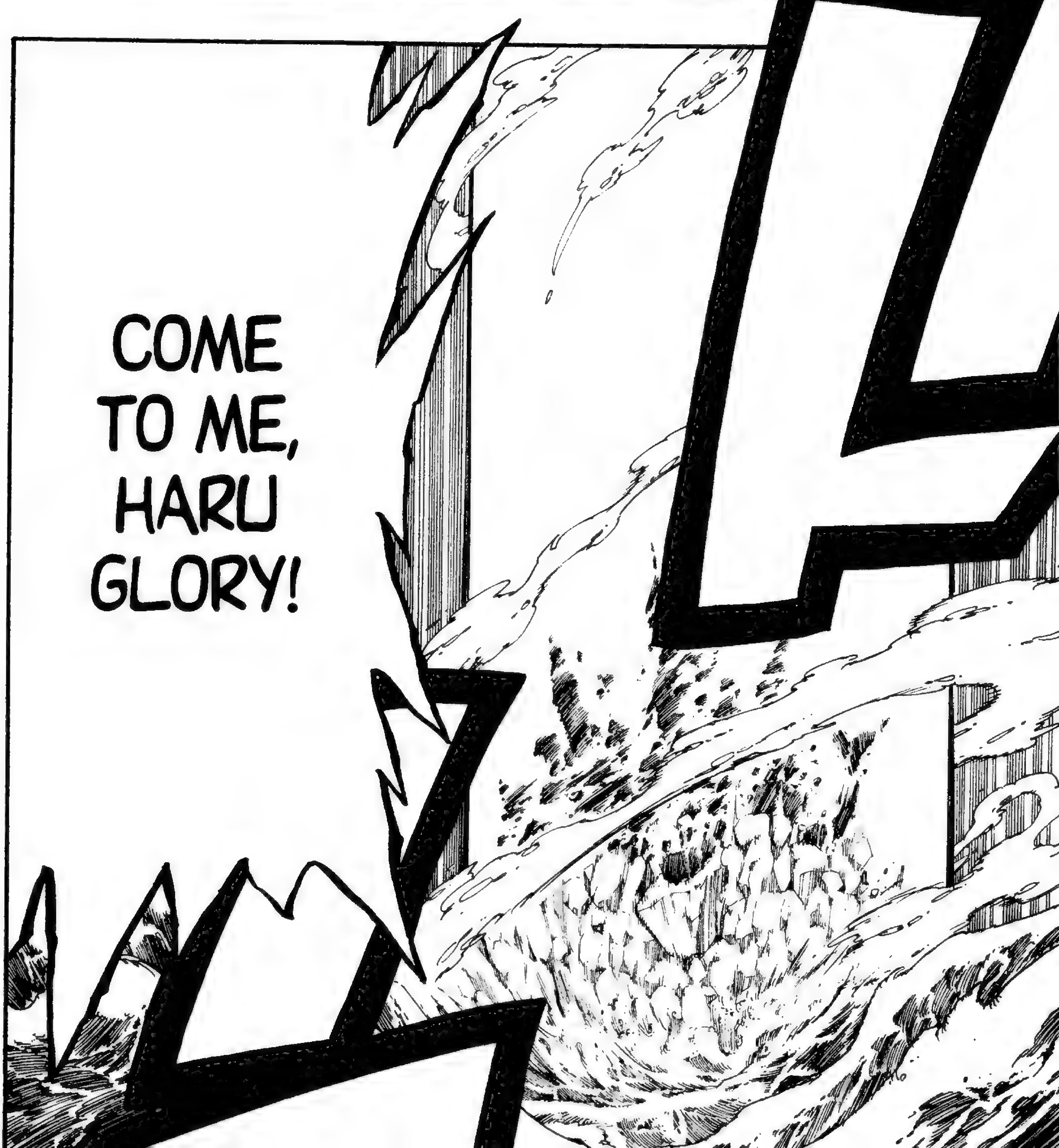
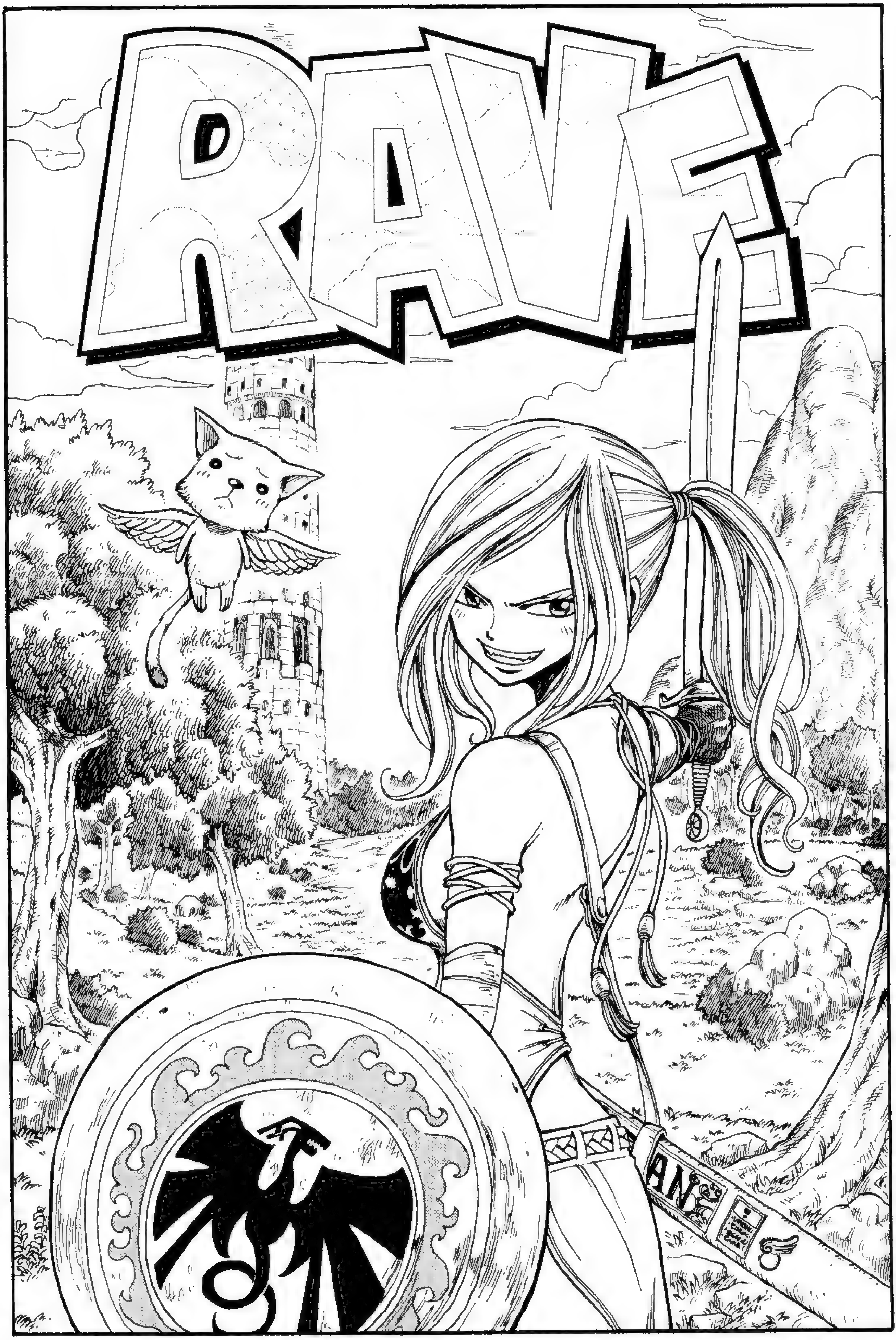

LET THE WAR BEGIN.
Four Great Demon Lords; Eternal Uta

WHY WAS I BORN...?

I WAS BORN TO DESTROY THIS WORLD.
I'LL DESTROY EVERYTHING UNTRUE.


THIS IS THE BEACON FOR THE END OF THE WORLD.


COME TO ME, HARU GLORY!



RAVE:266 ✚ THE SILVERCLAIMER'S ORDEAL

SO WHERE'S THIS SHIP GOING, ANYWAY?
I'M NOT CERTAIN--THEY SAID IT HAD TO GO TO A CITY FOR REPAIRS.
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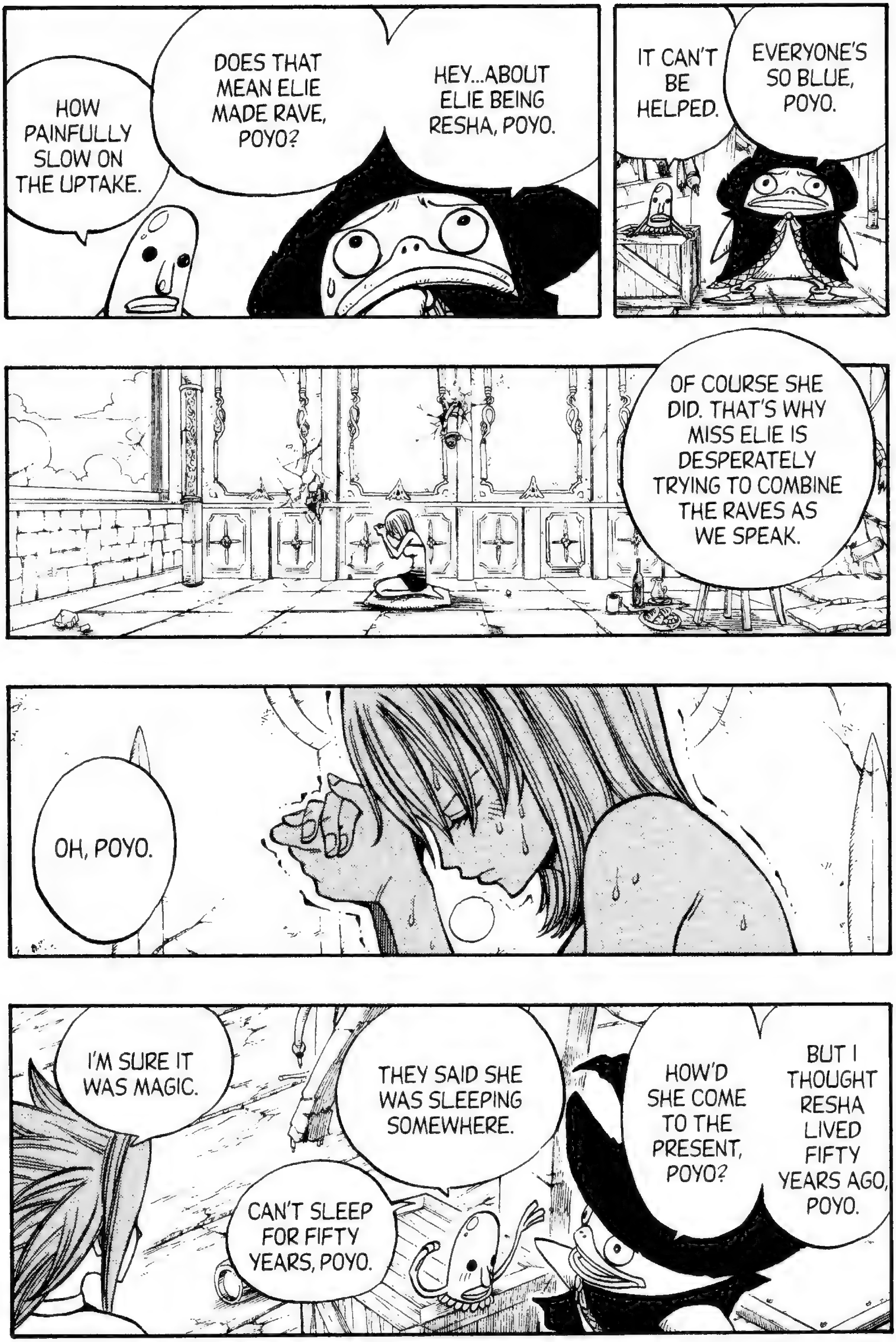
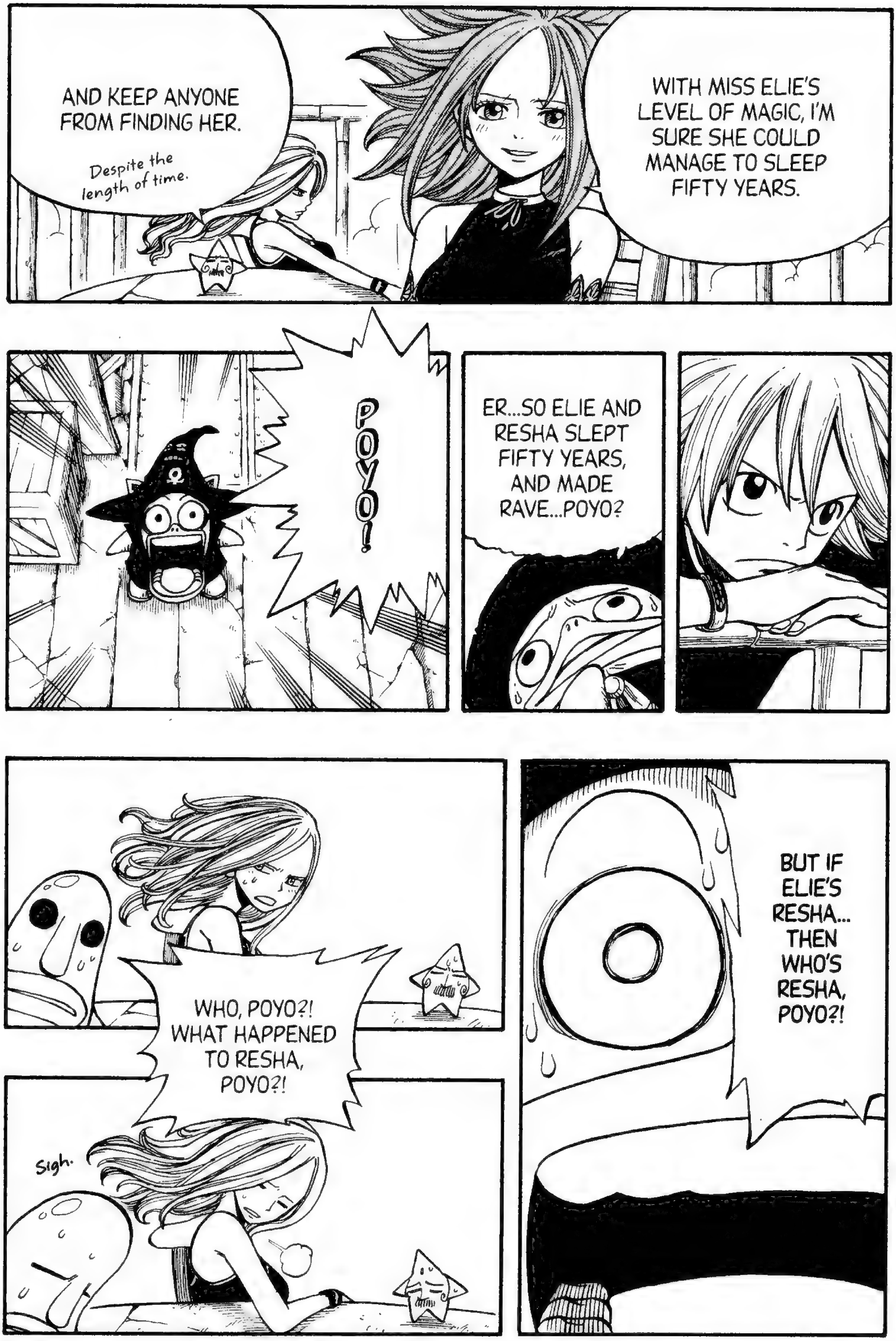

EVERYONE'S SO BLUE, POYO.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
HEY...ABOUT ELIE BEING RESHA, POYO.
DOES THAT MEAN ELIE MADE RAVE, POYO?
HOW PAINFULLY SLOW ON THE UPTAKE.
OF COURSE SHE DID. THAT'S WHY MISS ELIE IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO COMBINE THE RAVES AS WE SPEAK.
OH, POYO.
BUT I THOUGHT RESHA LIVED FIFTY YEARS AGO, POYO.
HOW'D SHE COME TO THE PRESENT, POYO?
THEY SAID SHE WAS SLEEPING SOMEWHERE.
CAN'T SLEEP FOR FIFTY YEARS, POYO.
I'M SURE IT WAS MAGIC.


WITH MISS ELIE'S LEVEL OF MAGIC, I'M SURE SHE COULD MANAGE TO SLEEP FIFTY YEARS.
AND KEEP ANYONE FROM FINDING HER.
Despite the length of time.
ER...SO ELIE AND RESHA SLEPT FIFTY YEARS, AND MADE RAVE...POYO?
POYO!
BUT IF ELIE'S RESHA... THEN WHO'S RESHA, POYO?!
WHO, POYO?! WHAT HAPPENED TO RESHA, POYO?!
Sigh.

WELL, IF MISS ELIE IS RESHA, RESHA HAS TO BE MISS ELIE.
THEY'RE TWO PEOPLE IN ONE, YOU SEE.
YOU DON'T NEED TO DIGNIFY THAT WITH AN ANSWER.
IT'S FUNNY TO THINK BACK ON IT. ELIE REPEATED RESHA'S DANCE SO WELL BECAUSE SHE IS RESHA.
SO THE TWO GIRLS FUSED, POYO?
UM, NO...
WORRIED ABOUT ELIE?
WHA?
UH, NOT REALLY...I'M SURE SHE CAN HANDLE RAVE.
SHE'S REALLY BADASS.
Y'KNOW...THAT STUFF ABOUT ELIE FLOORED ME, BUT I'M STILL KINDA HAPPY ABOUT IT.
HAPPY? WHY?
ELIE MADE A HARD CHOICE AND WALKED DOWN A SAD ROAD.

BUT WHEN HER MEMORIES CAME BACK, SHE STILL REMEMBERED US.
I THINK THE REST OF US MADE OUT PRETTY GOOD ON THE DEAL.
Why'd they fuse, poyo?
NOW WE HAVE TO THINK OF HER.
SHE'S HAD SO MUCH HAPPEN.
ガリ...
I'M SURE IT'S NOT EASY CONCENTRATING AFTER EVERYTHING.

BUT SHE'S STILL GIVING IT EVERYTHING SHE'S GOT.
SO WHEN SHE'S DONE WITH RAVE, IT'S MY TURN TO WORK.
I THINK YOU MEAN **OUR** TURN, PAL.

FLIP
FLIP
HUH.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
I GUESS SHIBA AND MY GRANDPA WERE BIGTIME BADASSES.
FLIP
Yesterday was rainy
FLIP
I GOTTA SAY, I TRAVEL WITH A PRETTY BITCHIN' GROUP.
LIKE HARU, ELIE, AND SIEG.
THEY MAKE ME LOOK REALLY LAME IN COMP--
!

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SON OF A--!
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HUH?!
Journal
TAKE THIS, HAMRIO.

I'M SEEING THINGS.
I'VE GOTTA BE!
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU, YOU STUPID OLD FART?!
Journal
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pant
pant...
pant...
THIS AIN'T THE TIME!
WE'RE RIDING INTO A LAST BATTLE!
HANGAR

IF I MODIFY SOME PARTS...
...MAYBE I CAN GET THIS RUNE WING TO MOVE.
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ガリ チャ
NOT THAT I'VE GOT THE TIME!
RRGH!
UH, MR. MUSICA?
!
THE RUNE WINGS ARE WAITING FOR MAINTENANCE CHECKS.
AND YOU CAN'T MOVE THEM WITHOUT MAGIC POWER, ANYWAY.
GOOD TIMING, SHORTY!
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YOU'RE DRIVING!
HUH?!
JUST MOVE THE THING!
BUT, SIR... HEY!

WHERE DO YOU NEED TO GET SO FAST?
JUST FLY-- IT SHOULD BE CLOSE.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR PUNK STREET.
WHERE MY GRANDPA IS.
WE'RE WHAT?!
EYES ON THE SKY!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME!
BUT...WE HAVE TO TELL THE OTHERS!
ARE YOU SURE?!

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IT SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE, SIR.
BUT...
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MAYBE IT'S FOG?
I GUESS WE'LL SEE WHEN WE LAND.

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WHAT...THE HELL?
ICE?

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WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
EVERYONE'S FROZEN!
WAIT!
DON'T TOUCH THEM!
!
THEY'RE STILL ALIVE. YOU DON'T WANT TO BREAK THEM.
STILL ALIVE? LIKE THIS?!
YEAH...BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO BRING THEM BACK.
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED HERE?!
DAMMIT!
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BE CAREFUL NOT TO BUMP INTO ANYONE!
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MR. MUSICA!
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. . . .
GRANDPA...
SHORTY! YOU SAID HE'S ALIVE, RIGHT?!
R-RIGHT. I THINK THIS IS SOME KIND OF MAGIC.
MR. MUSICA... DID YOU KNOW THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN?
NO--IT WASN'T THAT.
I JUST CAME HERE TO SEE HIM.
I WANTED TO GET HIM TO REFORGE THE TEN POWERS SWORD.
HUH?
ACCORDING TO THIS BOOK...

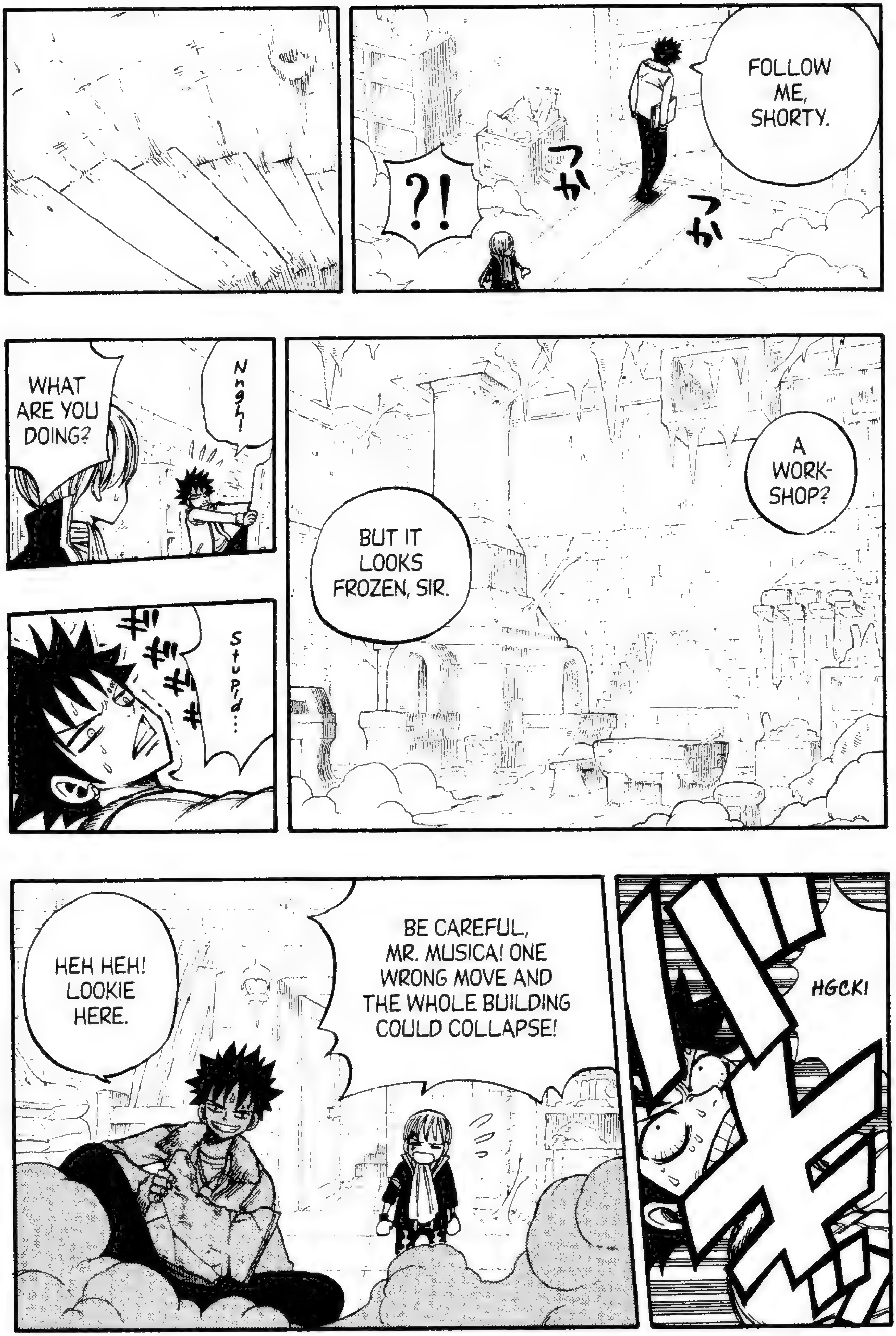
...THE TENTH FORM OF THE TEN POWERS DOESN'T EXIST.
WHAT?!
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE! SHIBA THE SWORD SAINT FOUGHT WITH TEN SWORDS!
BUT WE WEREN'T AROUND FIFTY YEARS AGO TO SEE, WERE WE?!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, EITHER. THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE.
I THOUGHT MY GRANDPA COULD EXPLAIN IT.
BUT NOW, I'VE GOT NO LEADS...
...AND HARU'S GOTTA FIGHT WITHOUT THE LAST SWORD.

MY GRANDPA'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FORGE TEN POWERS.
WE'RE BONED.
YOU CAN FORGE IT, MR. MUSICA!
YOU'RE DESCENDED FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST BLACKSMITH, RIGHT?!
WASSAT?!
DON'T BE STUPID. I'VE NEVER FORGED ANY SWORD.
THERE'S A FIRST FOR EVERYTHING!
YOU'RE NUTS, KID!

MR. HARU IS YOUR FRIEND. AND HE NEEDS A SWORD!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GIVE HIM THAT, SIR!
....
ME...?

RAVE:267 ✚ THAT WHICH IS LACKING...

ME, MAKE...
...HARU'S SWORD?
BUT FIRST, I THINK WE SHOULD GO BACK AND TALK TO THE OTHERS.
YEAH, RIGHT. YOU KNOW WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT.
LUCIA COULD COME DOWN ON US ANY MINUTE.


FOLLOW ME, SHORTY.
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?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Nngh!
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Stupid...
A WORK-SHOP?
BUT IT LOOKS FROZEN, SIR.
HEH HEH! LOOKIE HERE.
BE CAREFUL, MR. MUSICA! ONE WRONG MOVE AND THE WHOLE BUILDING COULD COLLAPSE!
HGCK!

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THIS'S THE INGOT TEN POWERS WAS MADE FROM.
キイイイ…
HE MENTIONED THE HIDING PLACE IN HIS JOURNAL...
...AND IT'S NOT FROZEN. SWEET.
BUT I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE--I THINK IT'S SOME KIND OF SUPER HARD MINERAL TREATED WITH MAGIC.
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THAT'S THE LAST INGOT LIKE IT IN THE WORLD.
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THE LAST?!

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.
I'VE GOT ONE SHOT, SO I'D BETTER NOT SCREW IT UP.
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HMPH!
......!!!

YOU'RE RIGHT-- HARU'S GOTTA GET A SWORD SOMEHOW.
SO I'M GONNA DO MY DAMNEDEST.
CAN YOU COUGH UP SOME FIRE, SHORTY?
YES, SIR!
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グオオオオー
YOU HEAR THAT, GRANDPA?
THE SOUND OF STEEL'S BACK IN THIS WORKSHOP.
グオオオオ
FEEL IT IN THOSE OLD BONES OF YOURS.
IT'S TIME THE GUY WHO INHERITED YOUR BLOOD...
...GAVE YOU A DECENT RUN FOR YOUR MONEY.

HERE WE GO!

MUSICAAA!
...HUH. HAVE YOU SEEN MUSICA?
HE WAS IN HIS ROOM A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
WELL, HE ISN'T NOW-- THAT'S WHY I'M LOOKIN'.
ガタッ
MAYBE HE'S IN THE WASHROOM.
TAKING A DUMP, POYO.
HE FLEW OFF IN A RUNE WING HOURS AGO.
HUH? TO WHERE?!
I HAVE NO IDEA.
RELAX, HARU. HE WOULDN'T LEAVE UNLESS HE HAD A GOOD REASON, RIGHT?
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I'M STILL WORRIED. I'M GONNA GO LOOK FOR HIM.

DON'T BOTHER.
!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO CHASE DOWN TEAM MEMBERS WHO DISAPPEAR.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
HARDEN UP, HARU.
I REMEMBER YOU SAYING AT SIEG'S GRAVE...
...THAT YOU WOULDN'T LET ANYONE ELSE DIE.
BUT WHY NOT?
I DON'T MIND DYING FOR SOMETHING WORTH PROTECTING.

AND GALE WOULD AGREE WITH ME.
MASTER SHUDA, WHERE ARE YOU...?
TO REST.
......
I DON'T INTEND TO GLORIFY OR BEAUTIFY DEATH... BUT I CHANGED, THANKS TO GALE.
IF I LOSE MY LIFE FOR THEIR SAKE, I'LL HOLD NO REGRETS.
HARU...I THINK HE'S JUST HAVING A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.
I KNOW.
I KNOW THAT, BELNIKA.

CRAP!
THIS METAL IS FRICKIN' STUBBORN!
IT'S STILL NOT HOT ENOUGH?!
MR. MUSICA ...
WHY DO YOU THINK MR. GALEIN FORGED AN INCOMPLETE TEN POWERS?
HE'S THE WORLD'S GREATEST SMITH, AND PEERLESS WITH SWORDS. WE'VE EVEN HEARD OF HIM OUT IN MILDIAN.
WHY WOULD A MAN LIKE THAT FORGE AN INCOMPLETE SWORD?
READ CAREFULLY.
THE SWORD SAINT SHIBA DEFINITELY USED TEN DIFFERENT BLADES.
RRGH!
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HEY!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
BUT NOW I'M EVEN MORE CONFUSED!
DID THE TENTH SWORD VANISH OVER TIME OR SOMETHING?

NAH. THE TEN POWERS WAS MADE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE RAVE MASTER--A SWORD FORGED FOR **SHIBA**, SINCE HE WAS RAVE MASTER BACK THEN.
THAT MEANS SHIBA WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD USE THE LAST POWER HIDDEN IN THE BLADE.
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COME TO THINK OF IT, WE GOT A CLEAR SIGN OF THAT WITH THE NINTH FORM, SACRIFAR.
WHEN HARU TRIED TO USE IT, ITS MAGIC TOOK CONTROL OF HIM.
WHY WOULD THE TEN POWERS INCLUDE A DEMON BLADE THAT COULD KILL ITS WIELDER?
IT DOESN'T. SHIBA *COULD* USE SACRIFAR.
HARU LOST CONTROL BECAUSE HE ISN'T THE ORIGINAL WIELDER.

BOTTOM LINE: SHIBA GOT A TEN POWERS MADE FOR SHIBA.
NOW HARU NEEDS A TEN POWERS MADE FOR HARU.
THAT'S WHY GRANDPA GAVE ME THE BOOK...
...AND LEFT ME THE LAST INGOT.
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RIGHT, YOU OLD COOT?

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HA HA!
Huff
Huff
Pant
Huff
CLNCH
HFF.
NNN...
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MM...
HGGH!

OH! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO REST, SIR.
SO DID I.
HO HO HO! I SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.
YOU'RE CONCERNED FOR THE OTHERS, NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY!
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
!!

NOW I'VE GOTTA TEMPER IT TO HARDEN IT MORE.
HOW HOT DO WE NEED TO GET THINGS, SHORTY?
GIVE ME A SECOND.
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
FWISH
HEH! NOT BAD.
AND IT'S PRETTY COOL-LOOKING, TOO.
MY DESIGNS ARE USUALLY SLICK, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.
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WHAT THE...?
CRACK
CRICK
CRACK

GRAAAAAACK
!!!
WHAT THE HELL?!
I DID IT BY THE BOOK, DIDN'T I?!
NO WAY!

IT'S...IT'S PROBABLY NOT BECAUSE YOU'RE AN AMATEUR, MR. MUSICA.
THAT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE.
YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO KEEP IT IN ONE PIECE, AT LEAST.
FALLING APART LIKE THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
MAYBE...THE METAL'S JUST TOO SPECIAL, SO ONLY A SMITH OF MR. GALEIN'S CLASS COULD HANDLE IT...
....
I-I'M SORRY.
NOW I'M JUST BEING RUDE...
AND IT'S NOT GONNA BRING THE LAST PURIFIED INGOT BACK.
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!!!
IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER.
ジュウウウウウ…
GRAB
GRAB
MR. MUSICA, STOP! THAT'S NOT--
I CAN STILL REFORGE IT.
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THIS TO MAKE ME GIVE UP.
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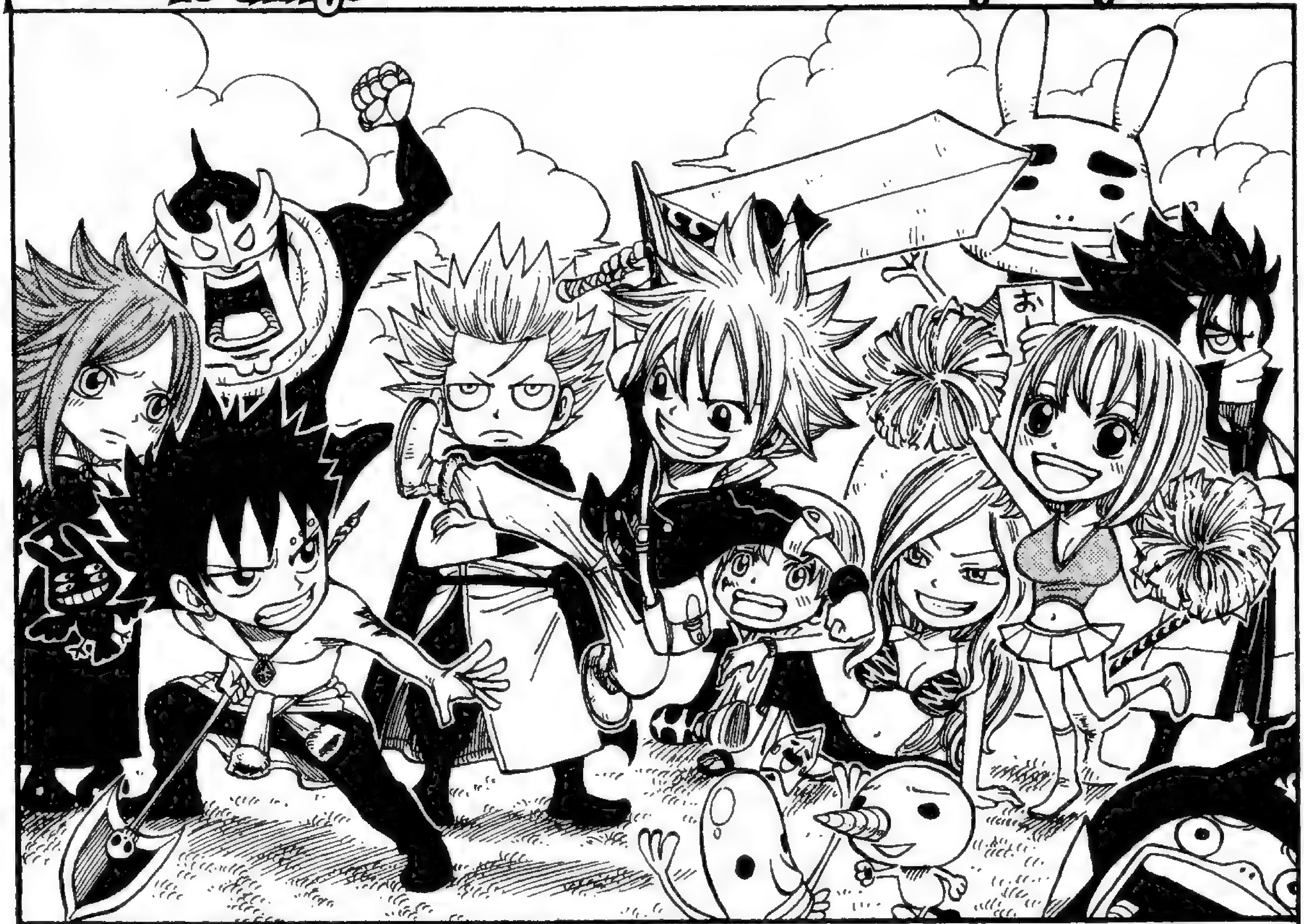
Spot the 10 things that are different! How many can you find?!



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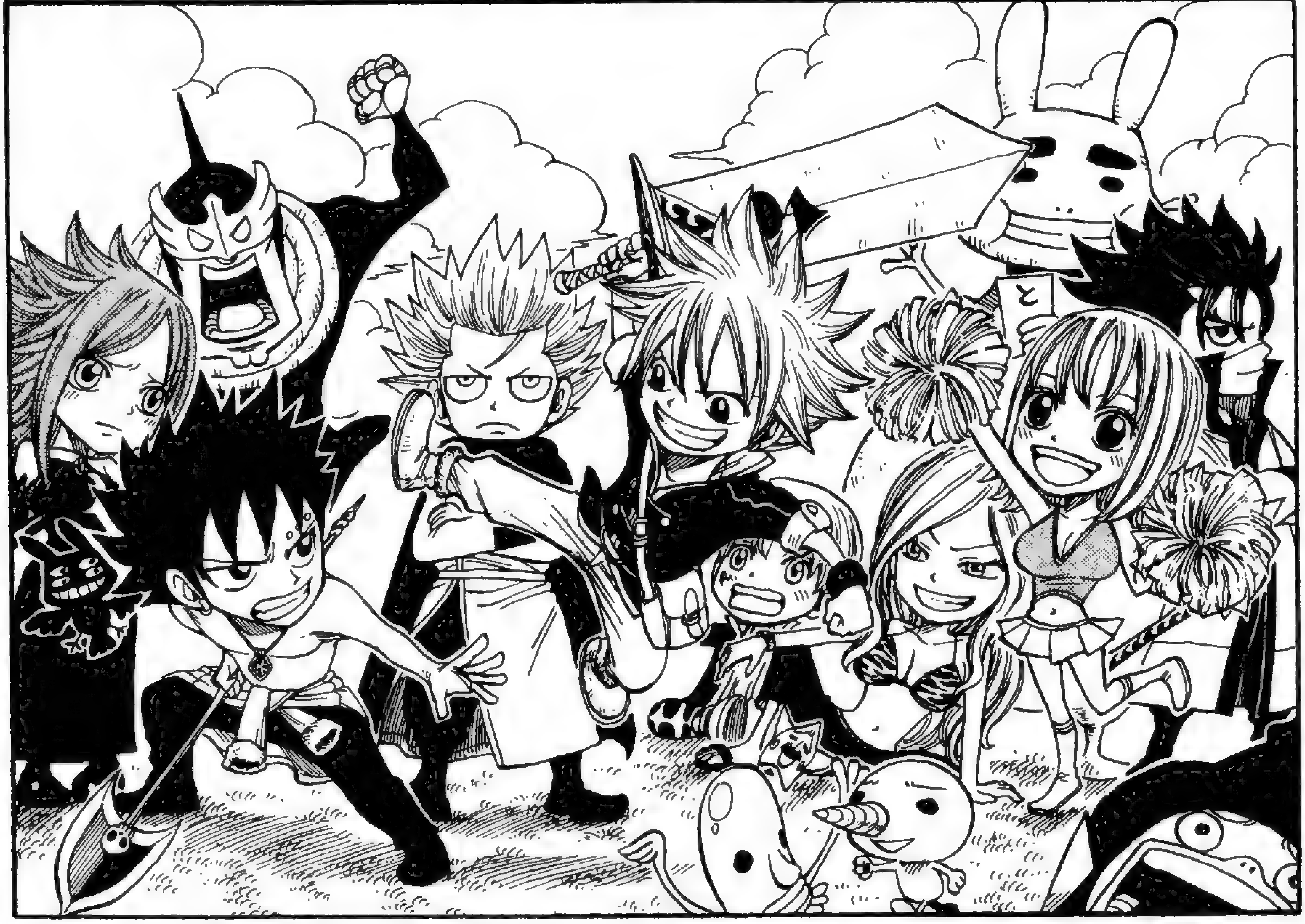

RAVE:268 ✠ THE TENTH HOLY BLADE, A DROP OF LIFE

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DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
HRRGH!

COME ON!
ROOOAAAARRR
IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER.
I CAN STILL REFORGE IT.
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THIS TO MAKE ME GIVE UP.
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huff
huff
huff
MR. MUSICA... I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT...
シャキィーン

MAYBE IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY.
Huff
Huff
Huff
Huff

WHAT AM I MISSING?!
I DID WHAT THE JOURNAL SAID.
AND I MODELED THE SHAPE-- YOU SAW, RIGHT?
I'M SORRY TO SAY IT AGAIN, BUT IT IS A SPECIAL METAL.
MAYBE YOU JUST DON'T HAVE THE YEARS OF--
MAYBE IT'S... EXPERIENCE?

IT AIN'T THAT!
GRANDPA WOULDN'T'VE GIVEN ME THE BOOK IF I COULDN'T DO THIS!
I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOTTA HAMMER OUT THIS SWORD!
I WANT TO AGREE WITH YOU, BUT WE CAN'T IGNORE THE TRUTH!
IF YOU CAN'T DO IT, YOU CAN'T DO IT!
HUH?
YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT!
YOU'LL RUN OUT OF PROPER METAL IF YOU KEEP BREAKING YOUR ATTEMPTED SWORDS!
DON'T WASTE THE METAL YOU HAVE LEFT...
...OR YOU'LL LOSE HARU'S CHANCE AT HIS OWN TEN POWERS FOREVER!

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SORRY, BUT I'M STILL NOT QUITTING.
I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOTTA--
Ow!
TWINGE
MR. MUSICA!
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DAMMIT... MY BODY'S STARTING TO GIVE OUT.
I'VE BEEN WEARING MYSELF RAGGED WITHOUT REALIZING IT.
HELP ME, REINA.
I NEED YOUR STRENGTH!
!!
...REINA?

YOU'RE A REALLY SUCKY DEMON CARD GENERAL...
...BECAUSE YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON.
N-NO FRICKIN' WAY! HOW'D HE--?!
GOLD OR SILVER, IT'S STILL ALCHEMY, RIGHT? YOURS JUST TAKES A BIT MORE JUICE TO USE...
NOTHIN' I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WITH A LITTLE PRACTICE.

THAT'S IT!
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YOU'RE A DOLL, REINA.
MAYBE I AM SHORT ON EXPERIENCE, KID.
!!
AS A SMITH, ANYWAY.
RATTLE
BUT I'M THE BEST THERE IS AT CONTROLLING METAL THROUGH SILVER CRAFT.

GAAAAAAH
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I'LL MAKE THIS SWORD WITH *MY* POWER!
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WAIT A MIN-UTE!
ARE YOU TRYING TO RESHAPE THAT METAL WITH YOUR BARE HANDS?!
IF I PUSH MY POWER TO ITS LIMIT...
...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS!
NO WAY!
I MEAN, EVEN IF YOU COULD, YOUR ARMS ARE TOO HURT TO--
YAAAAAAGH!
!!
ジュウウウウ
I NEVER COULD'VE FORGED HARU'S SWORD THE WAY GRANDPA FORGED SHIBA'S.
HE NEVER MEANT ME TO!
DID YOU READ THE LAST LINE IN THE JOURNAL?
Journal

I forged this sword for Shiba.
GRANDPA PUT HIS SOUL INTO THE TEN POWERS FOR SHIBA!
SO SOMEONE HAS TO PUT HIS SOUL INTO HARU'S SWORD!
THAT'S WHAT FORGING THE TEN POWER'S TENTH SWORD MEANS!
IT NEEDS ...
GRASP
MR. MUSICA!

...MY SOUL!
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A DROP OF SILVER?!

THIS IS MORE A PART OF ME THAN MY BLOOD IS.
IT AIN'T NORMAL SILVER--IT'S **BONDED** SILVER!
BONDED SILVER?!
!!!

POOF
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SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO THE ICE!
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WH- WHAT?!
WHAT JUST ...?
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GULP
MR. MUSICA...
オオオオ…

THIS IS THE TENTH POWER.
THE HOLY BLADE, RAVELT.

THIS SWORD...
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...IS FOR...
... HARU.
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!!
MR. MUSICA!
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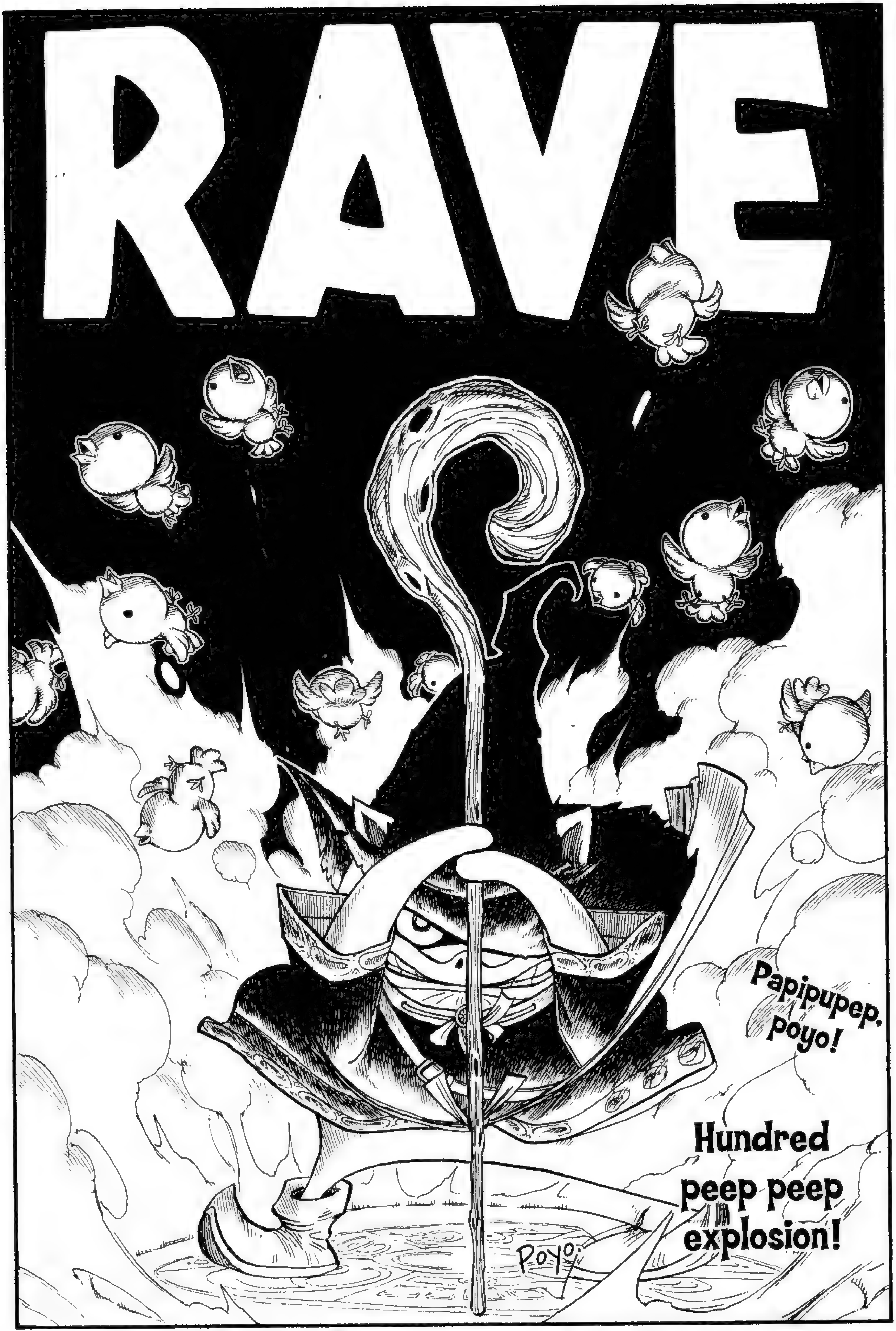
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Papipupep, poyo!
Hundred peep peep explosion!
Poyo

RAVE:269 ✠ THE MIGHTIEST BONDS

MR. MUSICA!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
MR. MUSICA!
YAGH!
WHO ARE YOU, BOY?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
And when did you get in?
……
HAMRIO?

THE PEOPLE, THE BUILDINGS... EVERYTHING'S FROZEN.
IT'S ICE.
HOLY...
THE MAGIC THAT CAUSED IT IS TOO STRONG FOR ME TO COUNTER.
NOW IS THE TIME TO ANALYZE THIS ICE.
INDEED. WITH MY POWER, TRACKING NIEBEL'S MAGIC IS QUITE SIMPLE.
AND IT ISN'T FROZEN.
THE RUNE WING'S OVER HERE, POYO.
SO MASTER MUSICA AND NIEBEL REALLY DID COME HERE.

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NOD
THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DO THIS...
...IS THE GREAT DEMON LORD JIERO.
SO THEY'RE FINALLY ON THE MOVE, HUH?
THEN THINGS CAN'T GET ANY WORSE.
ER...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
A CHARM, POYO! GOTTA FIX EVERY-ONE, POYO!
......
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, HARU?
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TO OLD MAN MUSICA'S PLACE!
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!!!

MR. HARU!
......
WHAT... HAP-PENED?
IT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.
HUH?
HAMRIO IS ON THE FLOOR...
...BECAUSE HE EXHAUSTED ALL HIS POWER.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MUSICA?!
HE WAS HAMMERING OUT A SWORD FOR YOU.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
BUT HARU ALREADY HAS A SWORD, DOES HE NOT?
BUT IT WAS ORIGINALLY SHIBA'S SWORD.
YOU COULDN'T HANDLE THE NINTH BLADE, SACRIFAR, COULD YOU? THEN YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY HANDLE THE TENTH BLADE.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT--THE SWORD WAS MADE FOR SHIBA, AFTER ALL.
WHICH IS WHY HAMRIO HAMMERED OUT THE TENTH BLADE FOR YOU.
IT'S A BLADE FOR YOU ALONE.

...CAN YOU FEEL HAMRIO'S SOUL IN IT?
HE PROBABLY POURED ALL OF HIS ENERGY INTO THIS.
NO ONE COULD FORGE A GREATER SWORD... NOT EVEN I.
IT'S THE MIGHTIEST OF ALL SWORDS.
NO! I DON'T WANT IT--NOT LIKE THIS!
YOU MADE IT, MUSICA! SO I'M NOT TAKING IT UNTIL YOU HAND IT OVER!
HARU!!!
MUSICA!
HEY! ANSWER ME, MUSICA!

MUSICA!
HUH?
WHERE AM I?
AH, WHATEVER. I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO.
...I GUESS I REALLY **DID** USE EVERYTHING I HAD.
Phew.
THIS'S THE END OF MY BATTLE, THEN.
HI!
ISN'T **THIS** PATHETIC?

YOU KNOW THE REAL BATTLE HASN'T EVEN STARTED YET.
REINA...
"OH, REINA...!"
WAS THAT WHINING? I DON'T WANT YOUR LOVESICK WHINING.
......
WHOA... IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST SAW YOU, TOOTS.
GIMME A BREAK HERE.
BLECH. I DON'T LIKE MY MEN SISSY, THANK YOU.
DON'T SAY THAT. WHERE'S THE WOMAN THIS BIG SISSY FELL IN LOVE WITH?
NEVER MET HER.
I MEAN YOU!
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY MISSING SOMETHING, MUSICA. SO LET ME SPELL THIS OUT FOR YOU.

THE MAN I FELL IN LOVE WITH HAS AN UNBELIEVABLY HARD WILL. HE'S PRACTICALLY DRIPPING WITH LIFE.
HE WOULDN'T GIVE UP, NO MATTER WHAT GOT IN HIS WAY.
STILL CONFUSED?
THEN IT'S TOO SOON FOR YOU TO COME HERE. TRY AGAIN LATER.
HEY! WAIT!!
I DID TELL HIM ONE THING...

"YOU HAVE TO LIVE. FOR YOU AND FOR ME."
I GUESS YOU DON'T REMEMBER!
WAIT, REINA!
OF COURSE I DIDN'T FORGET! COME BACK HERE, ALL RIGHT?
I JUST HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN SO LONG--I WANNA TALK A LITTLE!
MUSICA!
MUSICA!
REINA...
WHAT'S THAT SCREAMING?
MUSICA!
MR. MUSICA!
HAMRIO!
Musica!
Mr. Musica!
Puun!
Musica, you ass!
AH, SHUT UP--I'M TRYING TO ROMANCE MY GIRL HERE!
I'LL TALK TO YOU GUYS LATER.
MUSICA!
Puun!!
HAMRIO!
MR. MUSICA!
GUYS! GUYS!

SHUT THE HELL UP!
MUSICA!
Puun!!
MR. MUSICA!
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MUSI-CAAA!
CRAP! I FINALLY DREAM ABOUT A GIRL, AND NOW A *DUDE'S* ALL OVER ME!
OH, GOD OR GODS...
...THANK YOU FOR RETURNING HIM.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU JUST SAW SOMEONE COME BACK FROM THE DEAD.

WELL, I HAD HELP.
I USED GRANDPA'S BOOK...
...AND THERE WAS A PRETTY AWESOME FUTURE SORCERER ON MY SIDE.
......
WE HEARD. YOU LITERALLY GAVE IT ALL YOU HAD, RIGHT?!
URGH.
WAIT A MINUTE... I HAD A SWORD TO GIVE YOU.
HERE. IT'S ALL YOURS, HARU.
I MADE IT FOR YOU ALONE.
AND MOST OF ALL...
MAN...THIS THING FEELS POWERFUL.
AND RAVE'S NOT EVEN IN IT YET.
THIS BRINGS ME BACK...IT'S LIKE THAT DAY I HANDED SHIBA HIS SWORD SO LONG AGO.
ALTHOUGH I THINK THE BONDS I SEE TODAY ARE EVEN STRONGER THAN OURS WERE.

IT'S YOUR PERSONAL BLADE, HARU.
THE HOLY BLADE, RAVELT.
MURMUR MURMUR
MURMUR MURMUR
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SO I TELL THE OLD MAN--
MAMA, BUY THIS!
ERRANDS, ERRANDS ...
TH-THE ICE IS GONE!
MY CHARM WORKED, POYO. ♡

SWEET!
MARVELOUS! THEN IT EVEN HAS ANTI-MAGIC POWER?
IT'S BADASS, MUSICA!
HEH HEH.
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HAMRIO!
RELAX...I'M NOT GONNA DIE TODAY.
THE LADY ALREADY LAUGHED AT ME ONCE.
I'VE GOTTA WATCH OVER HARU...
...'TIL HE SAVES THE WORLD WITH THE SWORD I MADE HIM.
THANKS, MUSICA. I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF THIS BABY.

NOW THERE'S NO WAY LUCIA CAN BEAT ME!

WE'LL HOLD YOU TO THAT, MAN.
RIGHT.
Puun!!
EVEN AT MY AGE, I'M TREMBLING.
OH, YOU, TOO?
THE HOLY SWORD RAVELT...OH, I SEE! IT'S MADE UP FROM THE WORD RAVE AND THE WORD VELT, WHICH MEANS WORLD!
HE'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE WITH THE WORLD'S GREATEST SWORD!
HEH HEH.
THE YOUNG ONES HAVE BECOME QUITE A DEPENDABLE TEAM.
LET'S LEAVE. THINGS ARE TAKEN CARE OF HERE.
YEAH--I'M WORRIED ABOUT ELIE.

Ribeyla Village of the Dance
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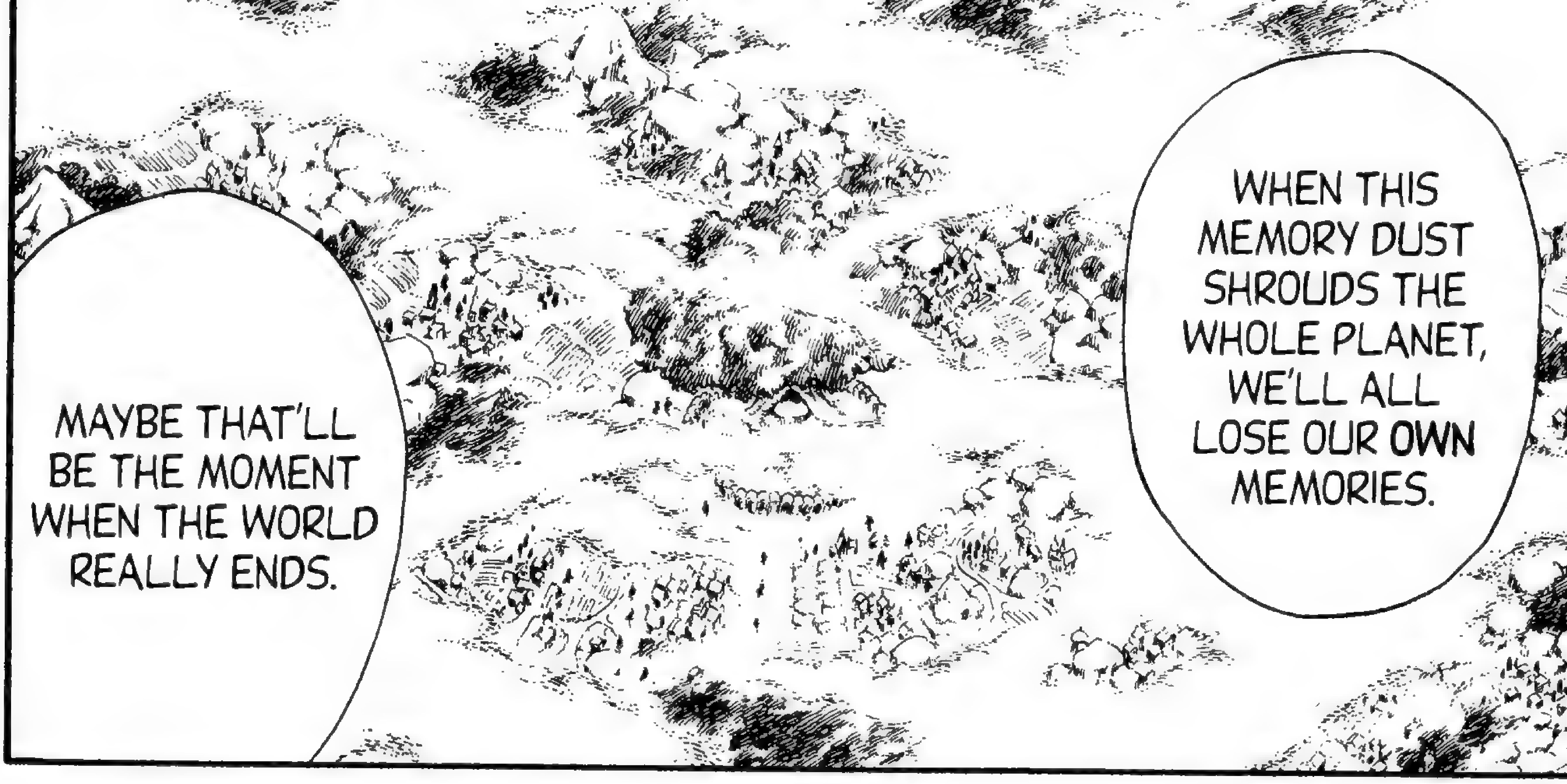
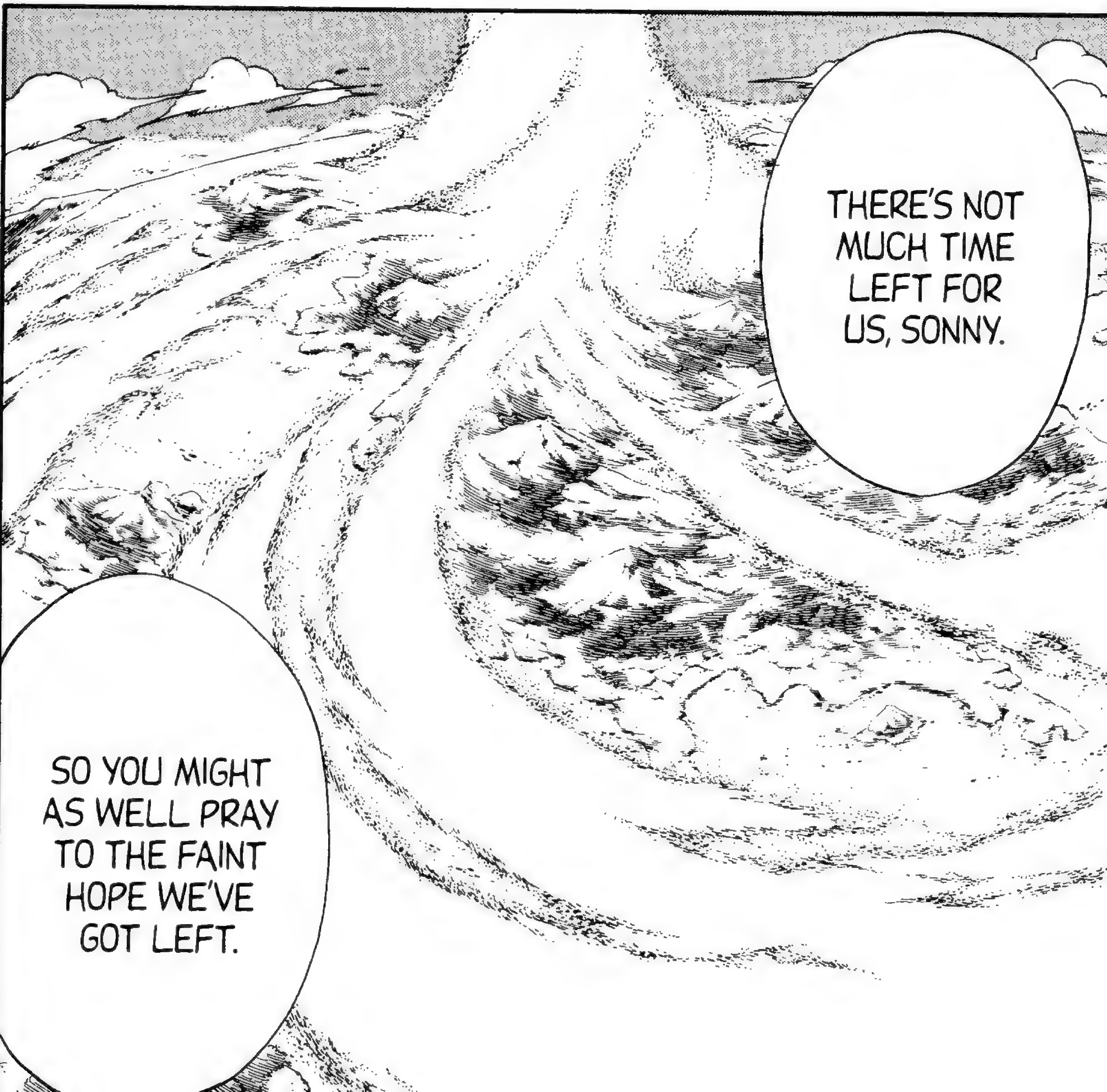
AND HERE AS WELL, HMM?
EVERYWHERE I GO, IT'S NOTHING BUT FOG.
THE ATMOSPHERE MUST BE IN FLUX.
THAT THERE'S NOT TRUE, Y'SEE.
!

FIRST OF ALL, THIS AIN'T FOG.
MUNCH
OLD MAN... ARE YOU FROM THIS VILLAGE?
NO, SIR. BUT THE SAME PHENOMENON WIPED AWAY WHERE I WAS STAYING...
...SO I SETTLED DOWN HERE.
THEN CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THIS FOG IS?
IT'S MEMORY DUST.
?!
PEOPLE, ANIMALS, THE SOIL, THE SEA... MEMORY LEAKS OUT FROM ALL SORTS OF THINGS, LITTLE BY LITTLE.
WHAT LOOKS LIKE FOG IS ACTUALLY CRYSTALLIZED MEMORY.
MEMORY?! THESE ARE PEOPLE'S MEMORIES?!
YUP. THIS IS THE POWER OF THE KING OF OBLIVION.


WHEN THIS MEMORY DUST SHROUDS THE WHOLE PLANET, WE'LL ALL LOSE OUR **OWN** MEMORIES.
MAYBE THAT'LL BE THE MOMENT WHEN THE WORLD REALLY ENDS.


THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT FOR US, SONNY.
SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL PRAY TO THE FAINT HOPE WE'VE GOT LEFT.

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:270 ✚ THE FINAL LIGHT

THAT WAS FAST...DID YOU FIND THE DESERTERS?
MUSICA'S GONNA KICK YOUR ASS FOR CALLING HIM THAT.
IT WAS DESERTION IN THE 11TH HOUR. IT AFFECTS MORALE AROUND HERE.
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SHEESH...YOU SOLDIERS. LIGHTEN UP.
JUST WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT MUSICA WAS **REALLY** UP TO
IS ELIE STILL WORKING ON RAVE?
YES...
...AND SHE HAS BEEN FOR THREE DAYS.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HER BODY HOLDING UP.

huff
huff
huff
huff
YOU'RE RIGHT-- ANY MORE MIGHT BE TOO MUCH FOR HER SLIGHT FRAME.
SHE NEEDS TO REST. SHE'S CAN'T KEEP PUSHING HERSELF.
THUNK
NEITHER OF YOU GET IT, DO YOU?
STOP FOCUSING ON HER SIZE--IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.
huff
huff
huff
huff
Nngh!
WOMEN GIVE BIRTH, DON'T THEY? NO MATTER HOW SMALL THEY ARE.
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フゥ…
ELIE...
...YOU CAN DO THIS!

WHAT?!
ELIE AND RESHA ARE THE SAME PERSON!?!
HMM.
I SEE...THAT CERTAINLY WOULD EXPLAIN A LOT.
YOU'RE LESS SURPRISED THAN I EXPECTED.
I'M SURPRISED, IT'S JUST...
...I NEVER DID MEET RESHA MYSELF.
IS THAT SO?
SO THIS FEELS A LITTLE LIKE A JOKE.
BUT WHAT A TWIST. MY BRAIN'S TOO SIMPLE TO HANDLE IT.
I SEE-- YOU INHERITED HIS BRAIN.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
ALTHOUGH IT'S A MIND-BUSTER...
...I STILL WISH SHIBA HADN'T DIED WITHOUT KNOWING IT.
I KNOW. IT SUCKS THAT THEY WERE APART FOR SO LONG.

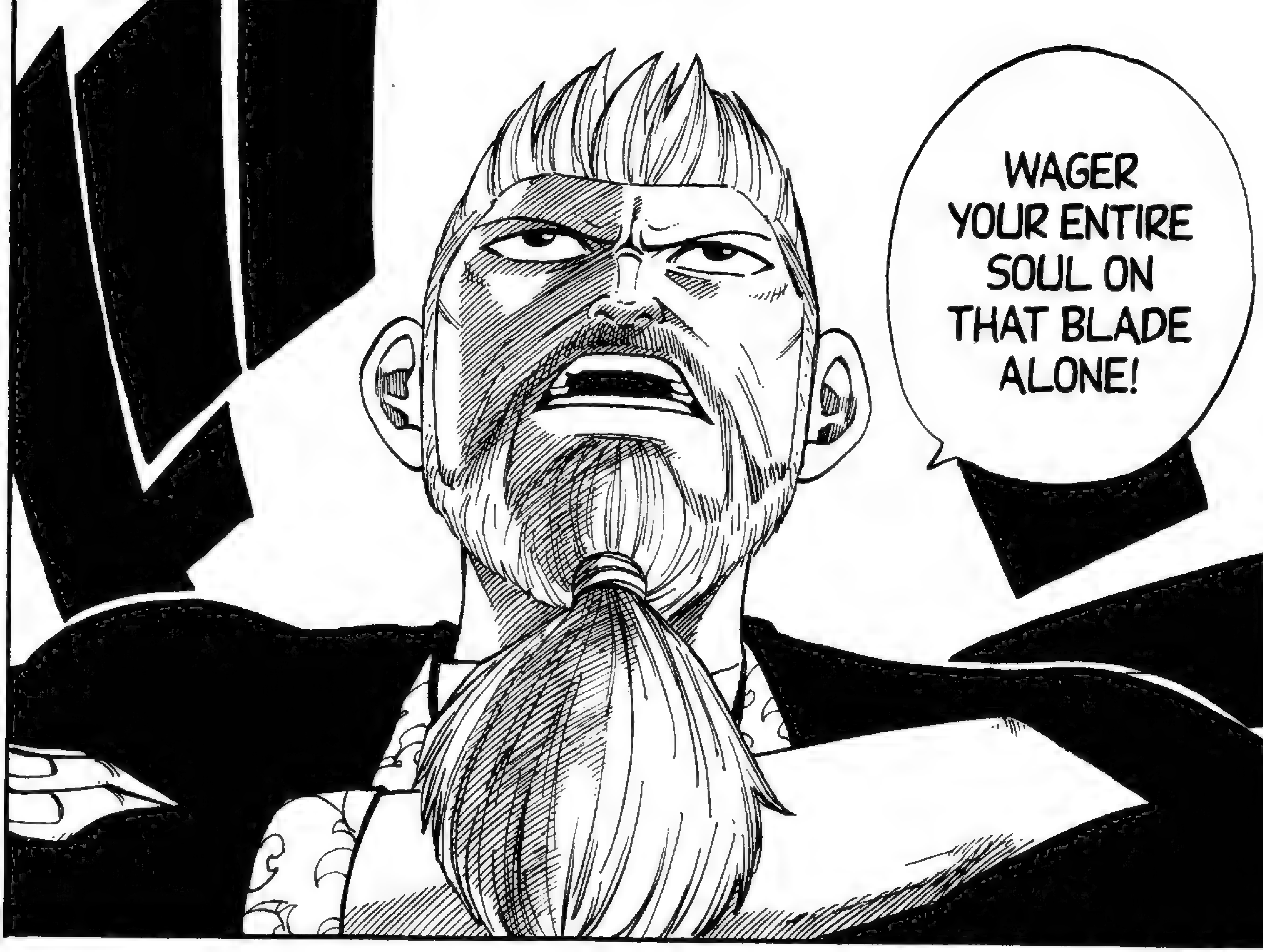
BUT I THINK SHIBA REALIZED THE TRUTH AT THE VERY END.
MAYBE. HE DID SAY THINGS I WAS SURE HE'D ONLY SAY TO RESHA.
I THINK THAT HIS LIFE, LIVING WITH THAT BELIEF...
...WAS A HAPPY ONE, ALL THINGS SAID AND DONE.
TIME TO GO, GUYS.
WHA...? ALREADY?
I'M CERTAIN WE HAVE TIME.
SHUDA'S PROBABLY PISSED. WE'VE ALREADY WASTED THREE DAYS HERE.
BUT...
HURRY ON ALONG--I DON'T MIND.

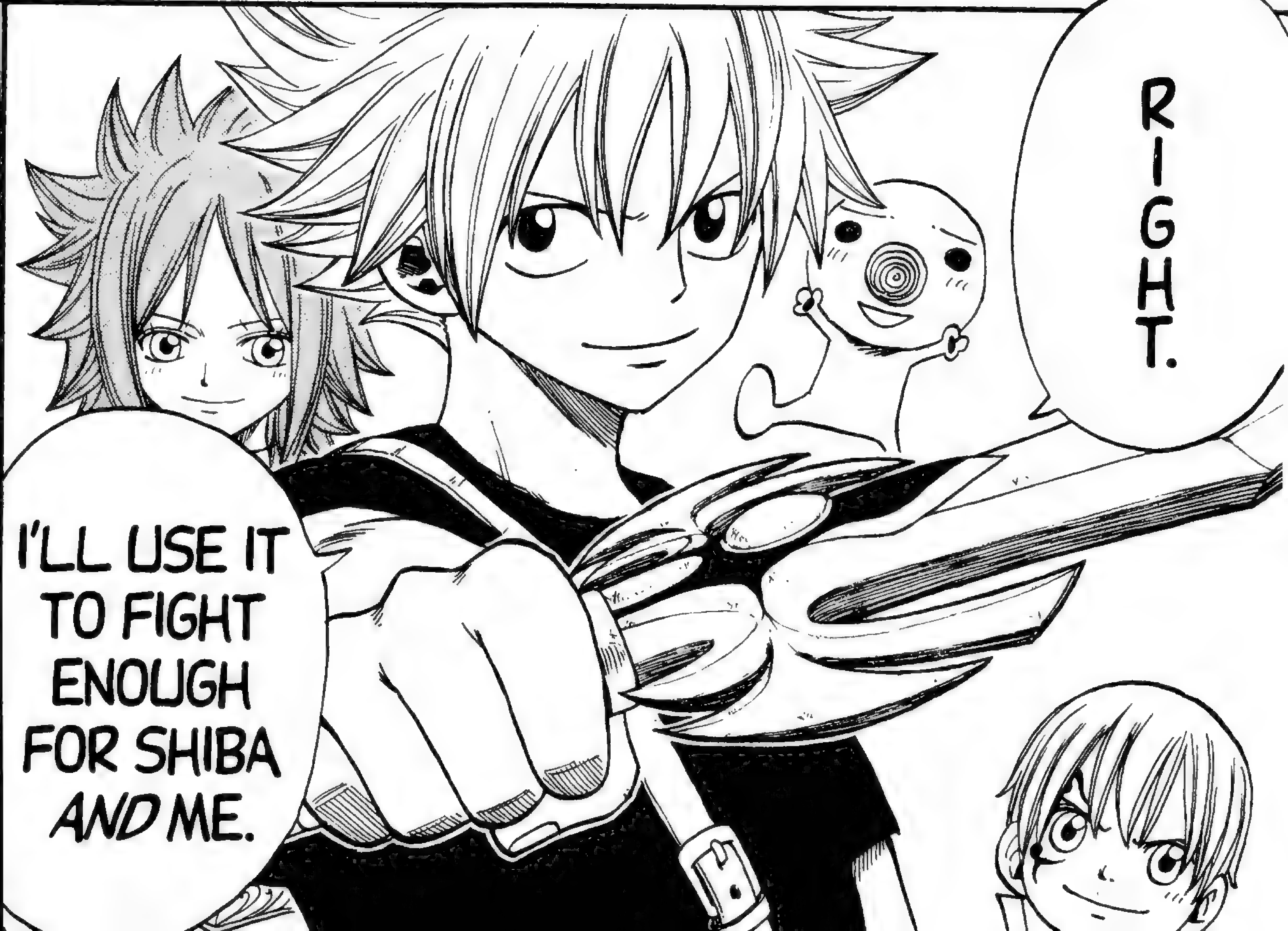
HUH?
!!
ガッ
GRAB
THEN LET'S GO, GUYS.
IF YOU PUT RAVE IN RAVELT, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE TENTH FORM AS YOU'VE USED THE OTHERS.
RAVE MEMORIZES ALL THE BLADES.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO USE YOUR OLD BLADE FOR?
EISENMETEOR.
WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
REALLY? BUT...I'LL MISS IT, Y'KNOW?
I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT WITH THAT THING.
AMAZING.
LEAVE YOUR OLD SWORD. YOU WON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.

NO SOUL RESTS IN A BLADE WITH NO MASTER.
HUH?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

バキィィィン
SHIBA'S SWORD!
WHY THE HELL DID YOU WRECK SUCH AN IMPORTANT SWORD AS A TEST?!
RAVELT.
IT'S INDEED A FINE BLADE.

BUT...YOU AND SHIBA HAD SO MANY MEMORIES IN THAT SWORD.
IT WAS HELD CAPTIVE BY THE OLD ERA.
LET THE BLADE'S SOUL REST WITH SHIBA IN HEAVEN.
MY MEMORIES ARE IN MY HEART.
AND NO ONE CAN DESTROY THOSE.
GAZE ONLY AT THE BLADE YOU NOW HOLD IN YOUR HANDS.
HARU...


WAGER YOUR ENTIRE SOUL ON THAT BLADE ALONE!


RIGHT.
I'LL USE IT TO FIGHT ENOUGH FOR SHIBA *AND* ME.

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HEY.
LET'S GET A DRINK NEXT TIME, OLD MAN.
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I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
BE CAREFUL, EVERYONE.
YOU CAN DO THIS.
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MR. MUSICA AND NIEBEL ARE BOTH SOUND ASLEEP.
THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED.
IT LOOKS LIKE THAT BRAT'S GETTING ATTACHED TO THE LOCAL HUNK.
I CAN'T SAY THAT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
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I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT HARU.
YEAH, THAT'S PRETTY FREAKY.
すり すり
HOW DREADFUL!
!!
SIR, IT'S MASTER RUBY!
RUBY?
PLEASE COME TO THE DECK POSTHASTE!
HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO RUBY?!
SAVE ME, POYOOOO!
RUBY!
!!
UGH! IS THIS FOG?

WHOA!
ヒョオオオオ
IF IT IS FOG, IT'S EVERYWHERE!
S-SOMETHING'S BEING SUCKED OUT OF ME, POYO!
ギュルルルル
RUBY!
POYOOO!
KEEP IT TOGETHER, MAN!
POYOOO...

WHO ARE YOU, POYO?
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, RUBY?
WHO'S RUBY, POYO?
YOU'RE RUBY! AND WHY'RE YOU SAYING "POYO"?!
I CAN'T REMEMBER, POYO!
WHAT?
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR BODIES?!
RRGH!
BE CAREFUL! THAT'S MEMORY DUST!
IT CAN CRYSTALLIZE AND WIPE OUT EVERYTHING YOU THINK AND REMEMBER!
?!
WIPE OUT OUR MEMORIES?!

TRY TO KEEP YOUR MIND BLANK!
EASIER SAID THAN DONE!
POYO!
MASTER RUBY, CLEAR YOUR HEAD! PLEASE STOP THINKING!
I CAN'T, POYO! NOT WITH SOME WEIRD JELLY TALKING TO ME, POYO!
M--
? ?
HUH?
ER...
NNGH!
......
!!!
WHAT... IS THIS?!
THE KING OF OBLIVION...
...WANTS TO WIPE OUT THIS PLANET'S MEMORIES.
TO WIPE EVERYTHING FROM...

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B-BEL…
UM… HA…
HUH…WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?
Puun!!
DAMMIT! LIKE HELL I'LL FORGET!
I WON'T …!
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CAN'T …
… HOLD ON…
IS THIS IT?
IS THIS HOW THE WORLD IS GOING TO END…?

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!
NN...WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
IS EVERYONE OKAY?!
WHAT'S GOING ON, POYO?
MASTER RUBY!
THE FOG--NO! THE **MEMORY DUST** WAS BLOWN AWAY!
BUT BY WHOM?

I FINISHED, HARU.

RAVE
Industry exclusive!
SHOCKINGLY EXHILARATED JUST FROM BEING PETTED!
Notice to Users ♡
THIS DOG DOES NOT TALK
THIS DOG CANNOT CARRY ANYTHING
ABSOLUTELY NO COMPLAINTS ACCEPTED
PLEASE PET GENTLY
PLEASE DO NOT GIVE IT ALCOHOL
LOVES THE RAIN
PLEASE DO NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SHAKING
Puppy
Happy and Convenient ♡

RAVE:271 ✚ PURE HEARTS, PASSING EACH OTHER BY♡

Trading City Stora Gosai
IT SEEMS THAT THIS CITY HASN'T BEEN ASSAULTED BY MEMORY DUST, THANKFULLY.
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.
WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE SHIP TO GET REPAIRED.
TOMORROW, WE'LL RAID LUCIA'S PLACE.
I KNOW THAT. WE'RE ABANDONING THE AIR MILDIAN.
WE'VE BOUGHT SOMETHING NEW.

THAT'S PRETTY GENEROUS.
THE WORLD MAY VANISH TOMORROW.
WHO NEEDS MONEY NOW?
WHICH IS WHY THEY MUST EAT AND DRINK A GREAT DEAL TODAY! And I plan to join them.
HARU AND THE OTHERS? AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THE TIME.
WILL YOU COME?
DE CENTER
I'LL PASS. I DON'T LIKE NOISY PLACES.
COME IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND! YOU CAN SEE THE RED-ROOFED SHOP FROM HERE.

NO ONE ELSE DIES FROM HERE ON OUT!
....
HARU.
YOU CAN'T ADVANCE IF YOU FEAR DEATH.
ESPECIALLY IN TOMORROW'S FIGHT.

NEW SWORD? CHECK!
NEW RAVE? CHECK AGAIN!
WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING WE NEED!
キラッ
GET BACK
NOW THE LAST THING WE'VE GOTTA DO TO GET READY FOR TOMORROW'S BATTLE...
Kick & Punch
MENU

...IS PARTY!
Wooo!
BRING ON THE GRUB!
GET BACK
AND MAKE SOME NOISE, GUYS!

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オオオ
WHAT A GROUP, HUH? REALLY... LIVELY.
Kick & Punch
FOOD TIME! ♡
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もぐもぐ
もしゃもしゃ
MISS ELIE, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHEW AND BREATHE!
ALL DAT WORK ON WAVE MADE ME REEWY HUNGY.
ももも がっがっがっ
I'M SURE, JUST... BREATHE.
HAFF SOME!
WELL... MAYBE I WILL.
CAN YOU ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND HER?

カラン
カラン
THIS ISN'T *NEARLY* ENOUGH BOOZE!
THERE'S ONLY A FIFTH LEFT IN THIS THING, DAMMIT!
WHAT?
くるっ
I THINK... YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN.
HIC
LET...
......
SILENCE!
HGGH...
JULIA WINS, POYO.
ドキ
ドキ
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR ALCOHOL, SIR.
I'M SORRY!

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もしゃもしゃもしゃ
ばくばくばく
ずずずず
GLANCE
にこっ
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がばっ
もごごごごご
WHAT'RE YOU, STUPID?
ドッ
MRFFGRFF!
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YOU GET ALL FLUSHED FROM JUST LOOKING. YOU A SAINT OR SOMETHIN'?
WHAT WAS **THAT** FOR?!
かぁー
がばっ
LOOK. NO ONE'S SAYING IT, BUT...
burp
...THE WORLD MIGHT END TOMORROW.
SO EVERYONE'S PARTYING LIKE IT MIGHT BE THEIR LAST NIGHT ALIVE.
WHATEVER YOU WANNA TELL HER, TELL HER NOW--WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE.
DON'T BE SUCH A DOWNER. THE REASON WE'RE FIGHTING TOMORROW...
...IS SO TONIGHT'S **NOT** OUR LAST NIGHT!
WELL, WHATEVER. I'M STILL SICK OF YOUR PINING, SO GO TALK TO HER ANYWAY!
TALK TO HER ABOUT WHAT?
WHERE IS YOUR BRAIN?!
leer
THE SAME GOES FOR YOU.
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IF YOU LOVE HARU, AT LEAST LET HIM GET IN A GOOD GROPE.
POUR
POUR
POUR
GROPE?
EW.
OR YOU COULD KISS HIM HARD WHILE YOU'RE DRUNK.
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ゴクゴク
WHY SHOULD I?
Oho.
MUSICA? THIS IS JULIA. ELIE'S PREP IS COMPLETE.
Over.
DING
YEAH, THIS IS MUSICA. BUT GETTING A CONFESSION FROM THIS END'S LIKE PULLING TEETH.
Over.
WHO THE HECK DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
WE'VE HAD IT WITH WATCHING YOU TWO PLAY GOOEY LOVE-EYES ALL THE TIME.
IF WE DON'T DO THIS, YOU'LL NEVER GET ANYWHERE.
YOU GET ME?
THAT'S JUST THE BOOZE TALKING!
UH... ISN'T IT?
GET BACK
BE A MAN AND MAKE A MOVE, HARU.
I'M SURE ELIE'S WAITING FOR IT.
Hic!
LOOK, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

NOT LIKE...
...WHAT?
ぷはーっ
TUNK
モワモワ
!
ドキューン
MISS ELIE!
ELIE EXPLODED, POYO!
スタタタタッ
CONTINUE WITH THE PLAN!
MISS JULIA, WHAT DID YOU GIVE HER?!
HUH?!
ONLY THE MYSTIC REALM'S STRONGEST ALCOHOL, THE DEATH TONIC!
DEATH TONIC
DOES THAT MEAN IT'S POISON?!
MUSICA! HOLD HARU DOWN.
GOTCHA!
WHA?! THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

ニヤリ
YOU DON'T REALLY LOVE ELIE, RIGHT?
SO THIS WON'T ACTUALLY BOTHER YOU, RIGHT?
GENTLEMEN! YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!
ELIE'S ABOUT TO SHOW A LITTLE SKIN!
おおおおおっ
WAAAAAAGH!
SHFF
STOP, MISS JULIA! YOU'RE DRUNK OUT OF YOUR MIND!

うおおおおおっ
Yaaaaay!
MANA-GER..
STOP IT! DON'T!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU DON'T CAAARE.
ケタケタケタ
strip!
脱っ
NO!
YOU DON'T REALLY NEED THIS SKIRT. DO YOU, ELIE? ♪
SHIFF
ヒュー
whoo!
ヒュー
sweet!
ウヌオオオ
Yowza!
FINE! I GET IT, I GET IT!
I GIVE UP. I DO LOVE ELIE.
SO PLEASE, JUST...STOP DOING THIS TO HER.

TELL HER YOURSELF.
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GUYS!
AWW... POOR, POOR ELIE.
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Oooooh.♥
EXPOSING HERSELF BEFORE THE PUBLIC LIKE THIS.
AND JUST BECAUSE HER MAN CAN'T BE HONEST WITH HER.
!
SLIP ♥
I'LL TELL HER! JUST STOP!

WE DON'T WANT HER TO STOP!
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE GOOD PART!
Shut your dirty mouth!
HAGH!
SCREW YOU GUYS!
I'LL CONFESS TO ELIE! JUST YOU WATCH!
ごくごく
OH, ME LIKE! ♡
ATTA BOY!
BUT...SHE WAS GONNA GET NAKED!
しょぼん
MAN.
COULDN'T HE TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM?
TWITCH
SHADDAP!

YOU WANT NUDITY THAT BAD, I'LL GIVE YA NUDITY!
ぶら〜
NOT THE SAME!
ボフッ
MY, MY. ♡
YOU PROMISED, HARU. CONFESS!
I WILL!

ELIE...
!
ドキ ドキ
...
I...UM...
....

ボゴォォォォォォ
GYAAAAAA!
ELIE JUST BREATHED FIRE, POYO!
WHAT KIND OF ALCOHOL WAS THAT?!
MUSICA? THIS IS JULIA. MISSION FAILED--RETREAT! Over.
THIS IS MUSICA. I'M ALREADY GETTIN' POUNDED BY HARU. Out.
Uh, everyone?
HARU, CALM DOWN!
GAAH! HOT!
Ha ha ha ha ha!
AND PUT SOME CLOTHES ON!
The great battle is tomorrow.

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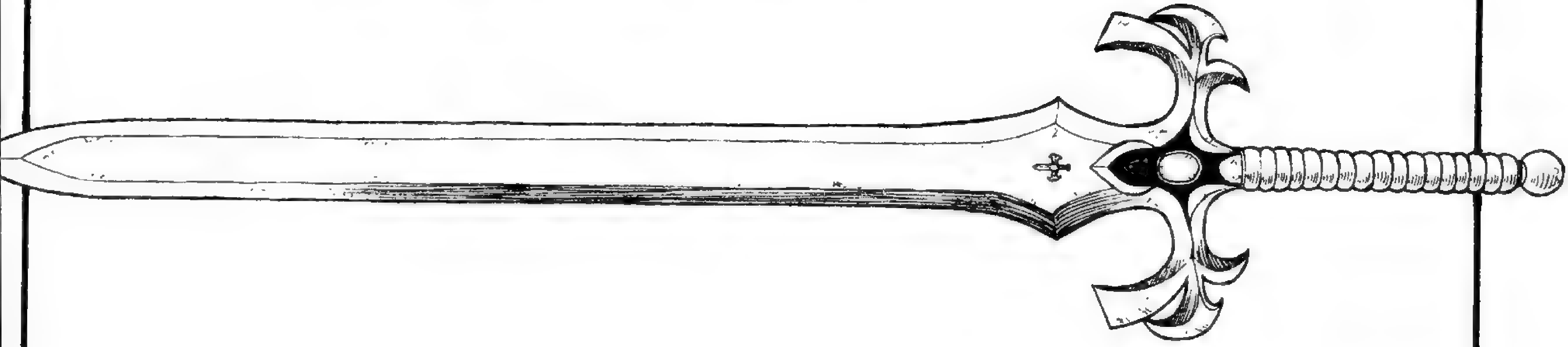
The Ten Powers Sword #6

10. Holy Blade/Ravelt

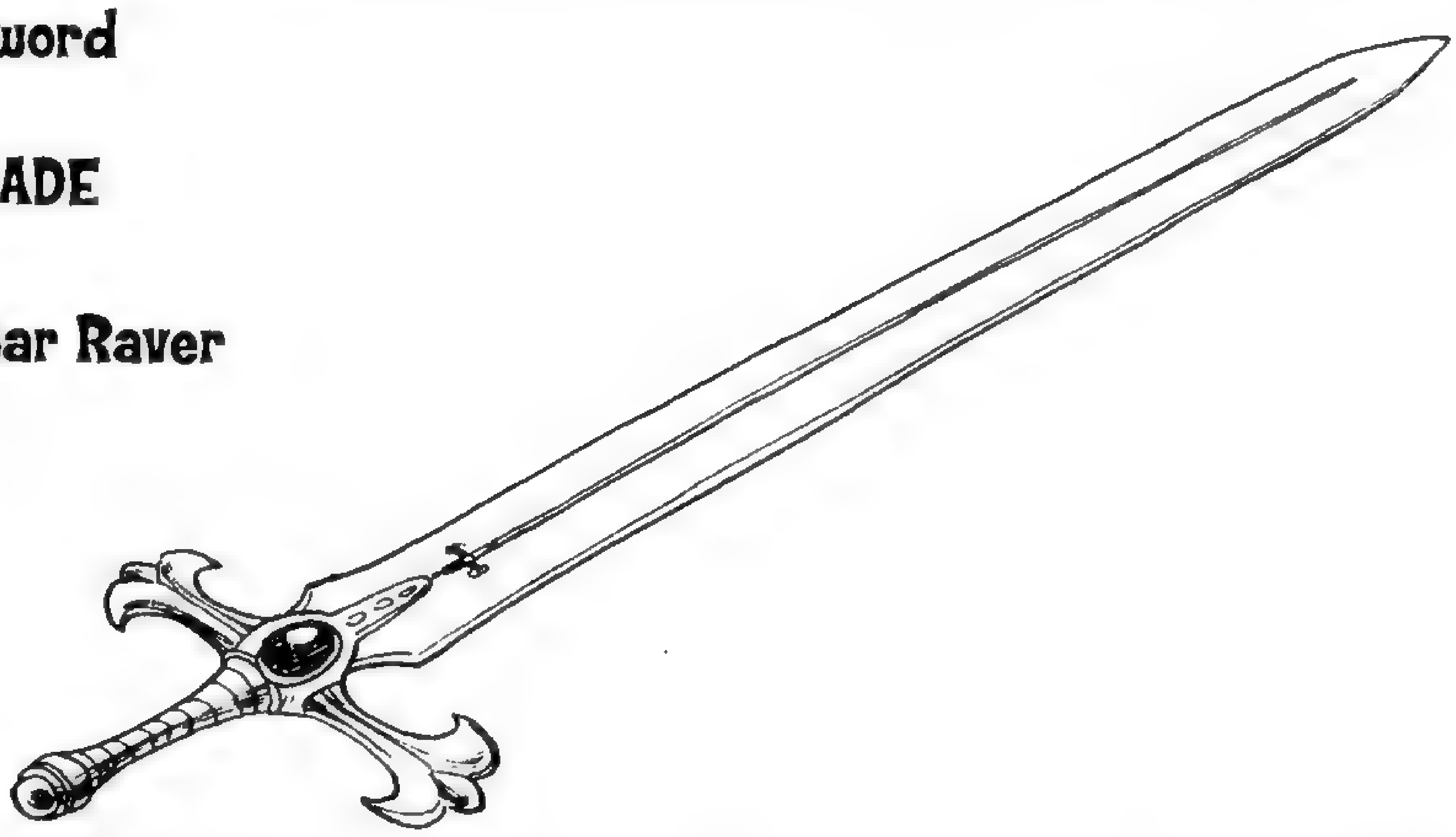


AS EXPLAINED IN THIS VOLUME, THE NAME IS FROM THE WORDS RAVE AND VELT. "VELT" MEANS "WORLD" IN GERMAN. ITS POWER IS THE POWER TO DISPEL, TO CONQUER ANY EVIL--THE MIGHTIEST OF BLADES. WITH IT, WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN TO TEN BLADES! THOUGH SOME OF THEM AREN'T USED IN THIS SERIES ANYMORE (^_^). INCIDENTALLY, THE TENTH BLADE SHIBA USED FIFTY YEARS EARLIER IS LISTED BELOW.

Ten Powers Sword

OLD TENTH BLADE

Holy Blade/Star Raver



NOT THAT IT CAME OUT IN THIS SERIES. (^_^)

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RAVE00QA

Q. IT'S KINDA LATE TO ASK THIS NOW BUT...WHAT DOES THE "00" IN RAVE00QA MEAN? AND DON'T SAY "IT MEANS NOTHING."

(NAKIMARU, KUMAMOTO PREFECTURE)

A. REALLY?! I CAN'T?! (^_^) WITHIN RAVE MASTER, THE YEAR NUMBERS ARE "0015" AND "0067" AND STUFF. SO I ADDED THE LETTERS TO "00" TO MAKE 00QA. I-IT'S THE TRUTH!

Q. WHY DID BOI BOI TURN INTO RUBY'S HAT?

(TAMIKO[STAR], KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE)

A. ACTUALLY...HE DIDN'T BECOME RUBY'S HAT--HE ATTACHED HIMSELF TO IT. HE SKILLFULLY INFILTRATED AND IS STREAMING INFORMATION TO DC.

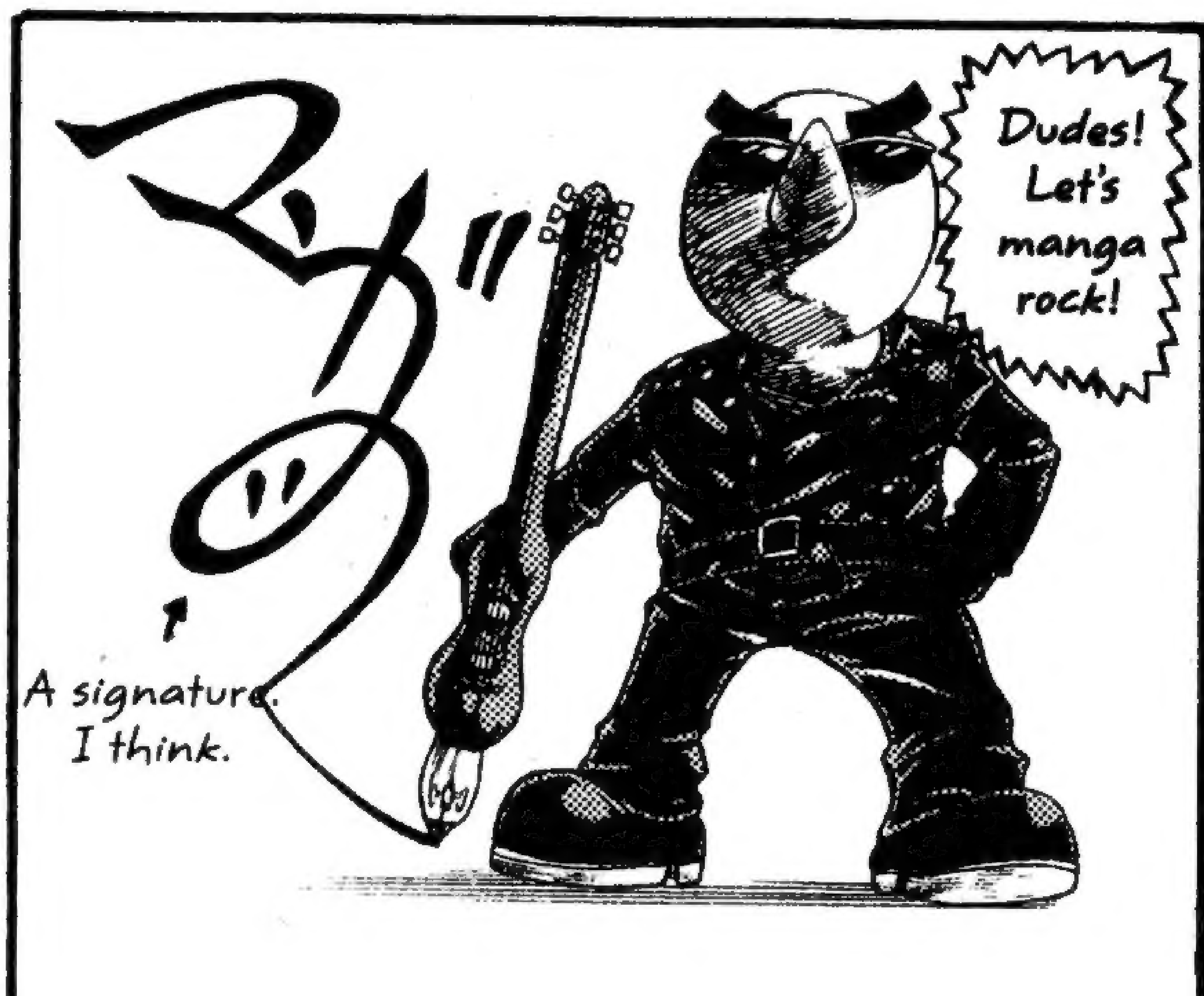
Q. IN THE MAGAZINE'S WEEKLY TABLE OF CONTENTS COMMENTS, YOU ALWAYS WRITE HOW YOU FELT WATCHING A RECENT MOVIE, MASHIMA-SENSEI. RIGHT? PLEASE WATCH FEWER MOVIES AND DRAW YOUR MANGA PROPERLY.

(AKEMI-SAMA, TOKYO)

A. THAT'S HARSH! SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT (^_^). HEY, I'M DRAWING MANGA PROPERLY HERE! EVERY DAY. YES, I'M PLAYING GAMES, WATCHING TV, READING BOOKS, USING THE JOHN, BUT I'M DRAWING MANGA, TOO...ONCE IN A WHILE. AH HA HA! JUST KIDDING. YOU KNOW, THOUGH, I THINK HAVING OUTSIDE "ART" AND "RELAXATION" ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO MANGA-KA. THAT WAY, WE CAN CONTEMPLATE ON WHAT MAKES AN INTERESTING WORK INTERESTING, GET FLASHES OF INSPIRATION, ETC. ETC. SO...FORGIVE ME.♡

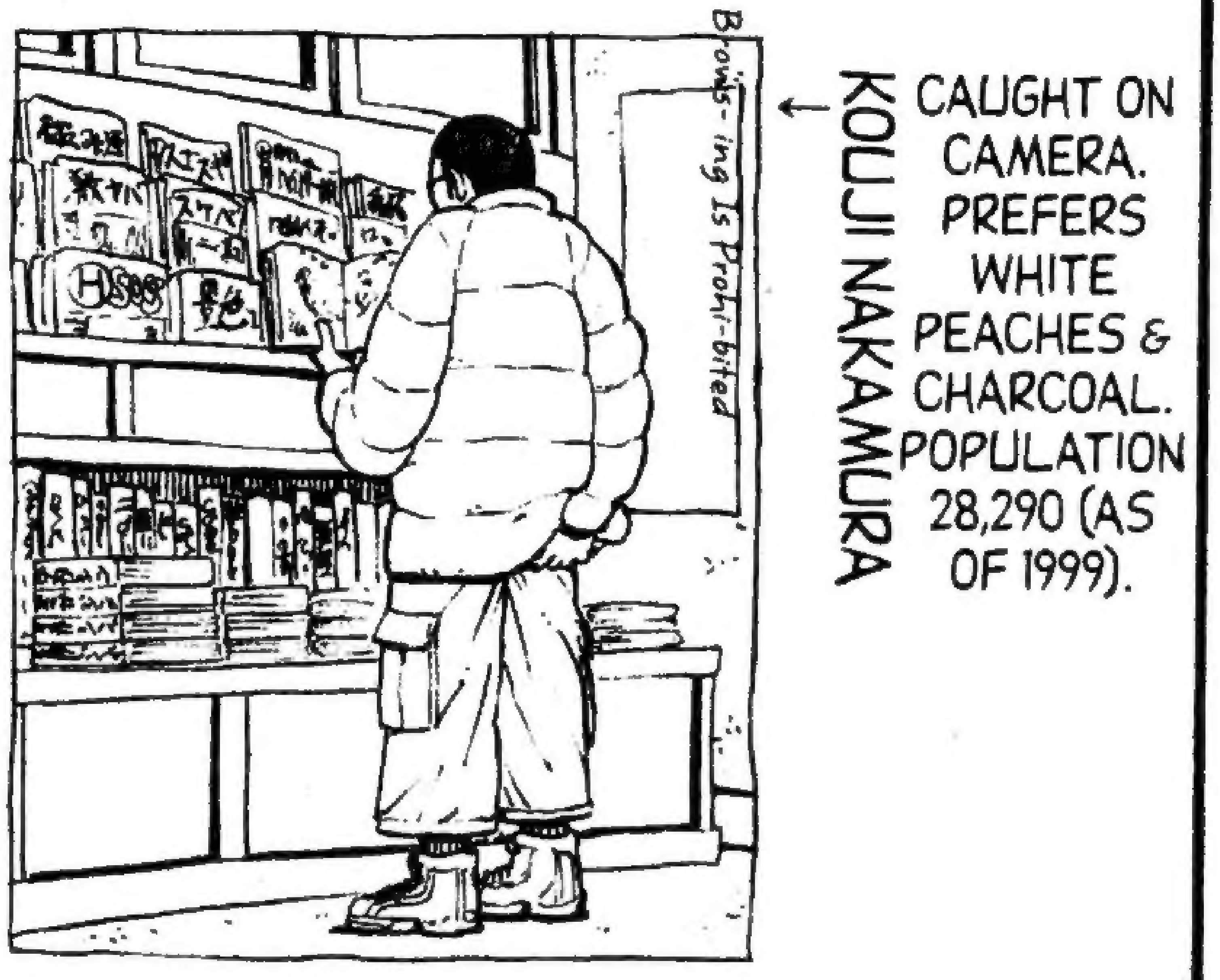
Introducing the staff of Rave Master!

Our most reliable staffer! Manga ☆ Rock-san.

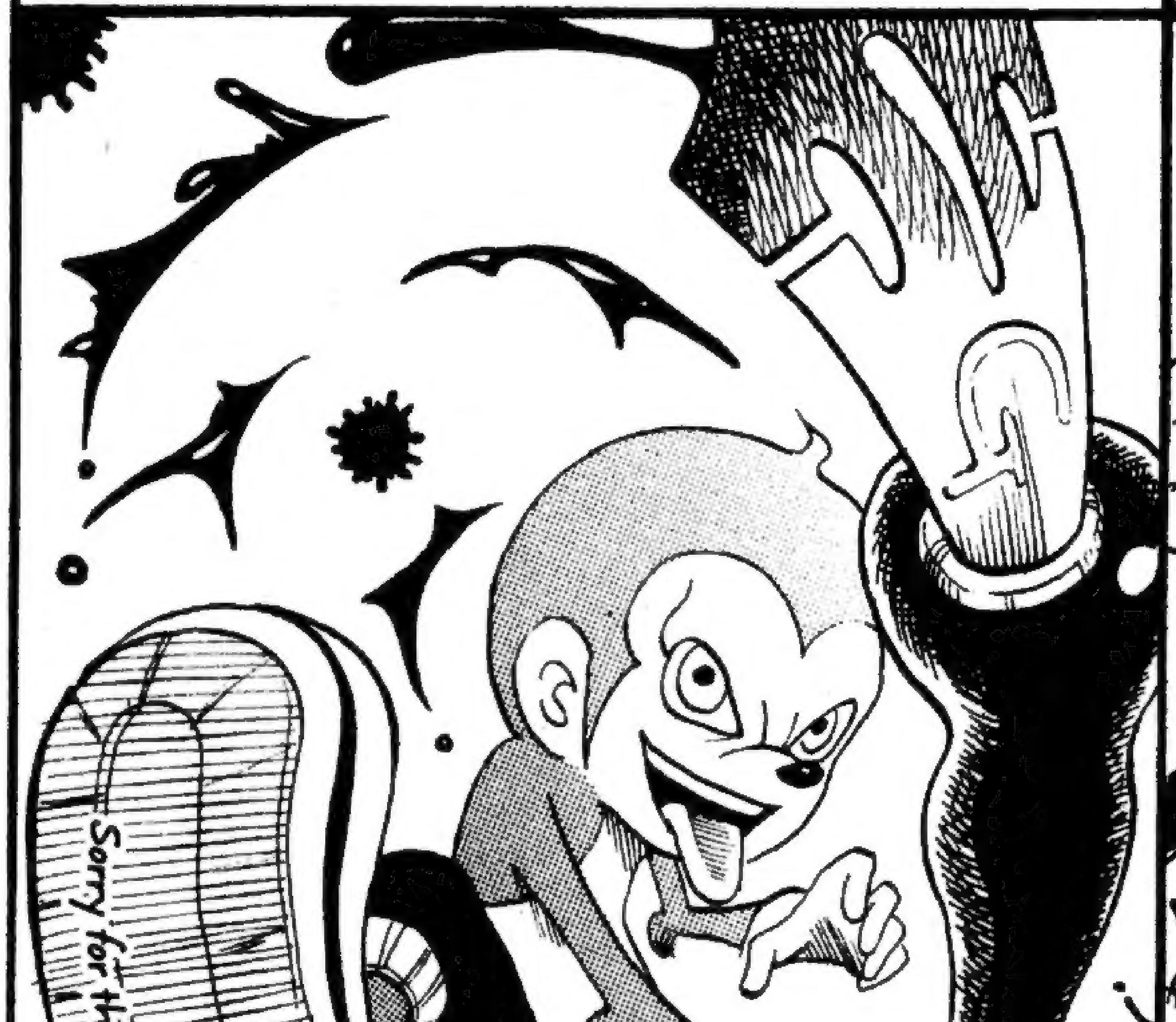

Dudes! Let's manga rock!
A signature. I think.

DUDES! THIS TIME I'LL TELL YOU A SECRET I KNOW ABOUT MASHIMA-SAN. THE TRUTH IS, HE'S REALLY BAD WITH SPICY THINGS! ...HOWEVER! HE PUTS TABASCO ON HIS KNEE! I MEAN, WOW...THAT'S OUR MASHIMA-SENSEI! I'M SO HONORED TO HELP SUCH A GREAT MANGA-KA WITH HIS WORK! (BY THE WAY, I LOVE SPICY THINGS.)

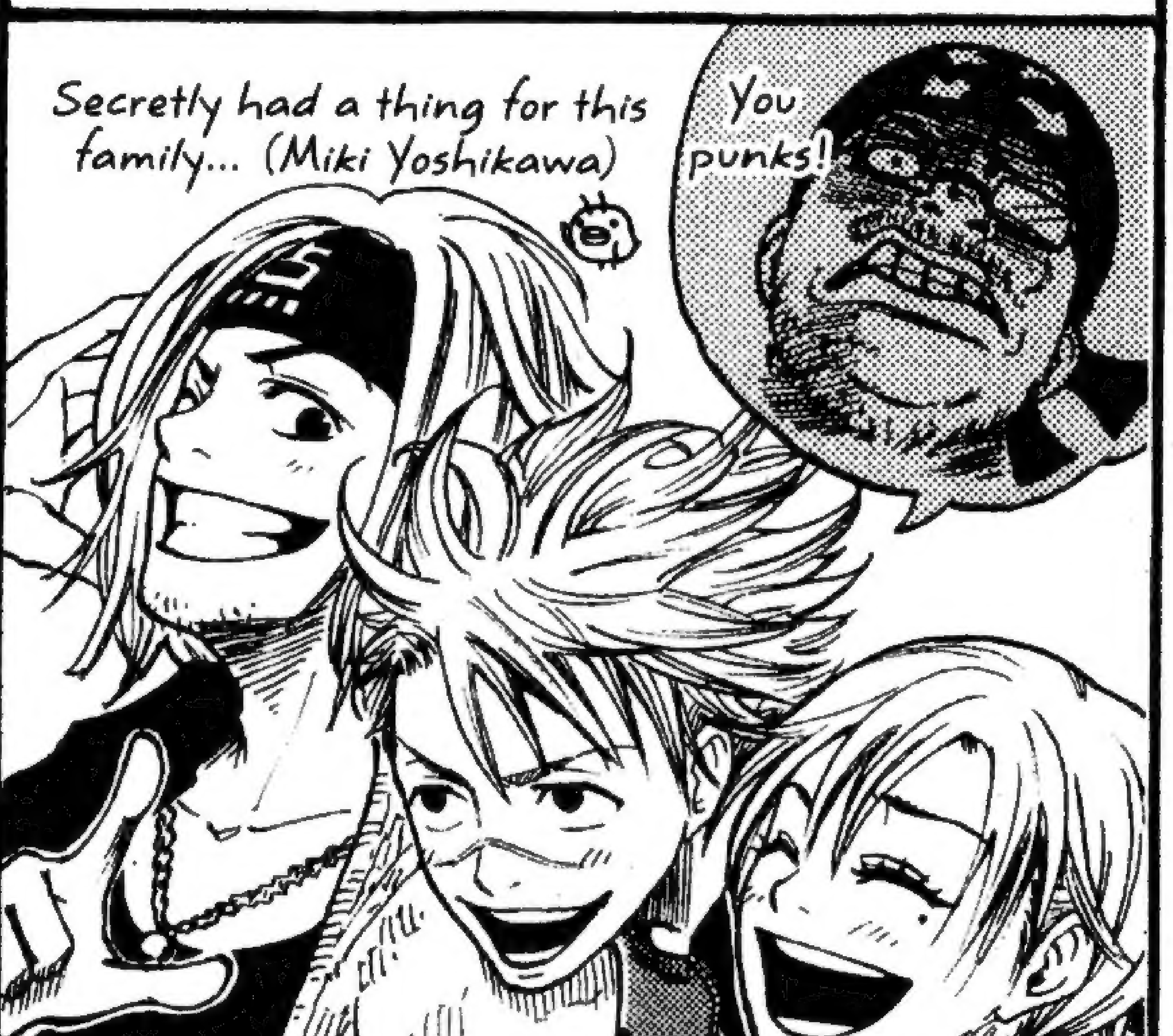
Nakamura-kun, the Chief. (A.K.A. Sir)
Main background artist


Brows-ing is Prohi-bited
KOUJI NAKAMURA
CAUGHT ON CAMERA. PREFERS WHITE PEACHES & CHARCOAL. POPULATION 28,290 (AS OF 1999).

NAKAJIMA KOUJI.
INHABITS AREAS OF MINIMAL POPULATION. APPROX. HEIGHT: 150 CM (4'11"). APPROX. WEIGHT: 50 KG (110 LBS). DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT KYUUSHU. INTRODUCED TO KANTOU REGION IN HEISEI YEAR 9 (1997) VIA WHALING SHIP. NOCTURNAL ACTIVITY CYCLE; SUCKS TREE SAP, ETC.


Sorry for the trouble
I'm Po.

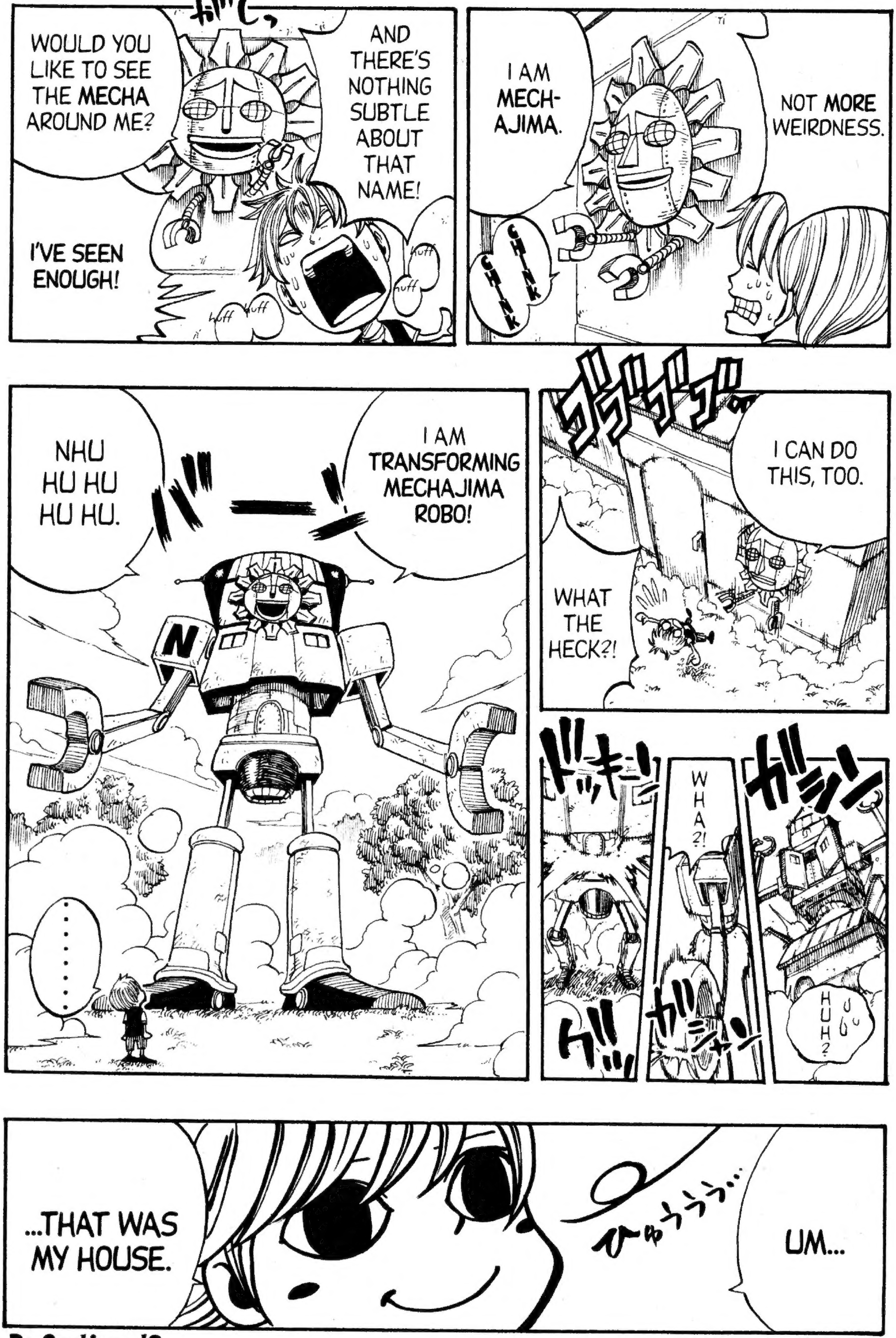
Our newest staff member, Poda-kun! (A.K.A. Pose)
Good luck learning the job at a breakneck speed!


You punks!
Secretly had a thing for this family... (Miki Yoshikawa)

The crimson point of the Rave Master staff, Miki-chan! She's jealous of the young...

RAVE0077

Levin Minds the House #26 -- Mechajima, At Your Service!


I AM MECHAJIMA.
NOT MORE WEIRDNESS.
CHINK CHINK
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE MECHA AROUND ME?
AND THERE'S NOTHING SUBTLE ABOUT THAT NAME!
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH!
huff huff
I CAN DO THIS, TOO.
WHAT THE HECK?!
HUH?
WHA?!
I AM TRANSFORMING MECHAJIMA ROBO!
NHU HU HU HU HU.
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UM...
ひゅううう…
...THAT WAS MY HOUSE.

To Be Continued?

AFTERWORDS

PERAPERA SAUCE! (NEW WORDS OF GREETING.)

MASHIMA HERE, HOVERING ABOUT WITH A FAINT WHIFF OF EVIL. THIS IS PRETTY RANDOM, BUT DO YOU REMEMBER MY "PSHAH!" GREETING IN VOL. 2'S AFTERWORD? VOL. 12 HAD "GINYA!" AND VOL. 22 HAD "OOGA!" (THOUGH THAT'S NOT A GREETING). THAT'S RIGHT! IN EVERY AFTERWORD OF A VOLUME ENDING WITH "2," I SUDDENLY FELT LIKE GREETING WITH SOME KIND OF WEIRD WORD. I DID INDEED. SO FOR VOL. 32, IT'S PERAPERA SAUCE! ...ER, SORRY, I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT IT MEANS (^_^).

ANYWAY, THIS TIME WE FINALLY GOT ANOTHER PLOT POINT WHERE MUSICA DOES SOMETHING. I DIDN'T WANNA DO IT FROM WAY BACK OR ANYTHING. THE SILVER BONDS MIXING TOGETHER THING WAS A LAST-MINUTE DECISION, BUT IT'D BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'D DRAWN REINA, IT WAS FUN HAVING ANOTHER GO. YES, IT WAS FUN...AND SPEAKING OF WHICH, THE FINAL GET-TOGETHER STORY. I FELT REALLY NOSTALGIC AS I DREW THAT OUT...IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THERE WAS A PLOT POINT MADE OF PURE FUN. I'VE WRITTEN ABOUT THIS BEFORE, BUT I STARTED OUT LOVING DRAWING EASY-GOING MANGA LIKE CHAPTER 271. RAVE MASTER IS...KINDA HEAVY, HUH? (^_^) ACK! THERE, I SAID IT! BUT Y'KNOW...THANKS TO DRAWING RAVE MASTER, I CAN THINK, "HEY! I CAN DRAW SERIOUS STORIES TOO, HUH?!" I THINK THAT'S A PRETTY BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT. A LOT MORE RAVE MASTER FANS LOVE THE SERIOUS SCENES THAN I EXPECTED, TOO. I THINK I NEED TO PUT GAGS IN ONCE IN A WHILE! YOU KNOW, LIKE JUST NOW! I THINK BALANCE IN ALL THINGS IS GOOD (^_^). I HAVE A FEELING MY NEXT WORK WON'T BE A SAVE-THE-WORLD STORY. PERA PERA SAUCE!

Hiro
MASHIMA